

# AB 412 • California

## Generative artificial intelligence: training data: copyrighted materials.

Passed One Chamber

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Effective: Jan 01, 2026 | Last Action (Jun 30, 2026): Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

## Summary

This bill mandates developers of generative AI to document training data sources they know were used and respond to rights owner inquiries. Exemptions apply for models trained exclusively using data the developer makes publicly available at no cost, as specified.

## Business Impact

If you develop generative AI in California, you must document training data and respond to rights owner requests by January 1, 2026, or face legal action.

## Key Provisions

- Developers must document covered materials they know were used in training generative AI models.
- A mechanism for rights owners to request information about their materials must be provided.
- Developers have 30 days to respond to rights owner requests with relevant information, assessing the likelihood of covered materials being present when a fingerprint is provided.
- Each day of non-compliance after the 30-day period constitutes a discrete violation.
- Rights owners can bring civil actions against developers for failure to comply.
- Exemptions apply for models trained exclusively using data the developer makes publicly available at no cost, as specified.

## Compliance Checklist

- Document all copyrighted materials used in training AI models. | Who: Developers of generative AI systems. | Penalty: Daily violations may lead to civil actions.
- Provide a mechanism for rights owners to submit information requests. | Who: Developers of generative AI systems. | Penalty: Failure to comply may result in civil actions.

## Industries Affected

Technology

## Topics

Comprehensive AI

## Bill Sponsors

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## Official Source

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