

# S1037 • South Carolina

## Protecting Children from Chatbots

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 24, 2026): Scrivener's error corrected

## Summary

The Protecting Children from Chatbots Act requires age verification to determine if users are minors and mandates a limited-access mode, with parental consent allowing access to restricted features.

## Business Impact

If you operate chatbots in South Carolina, you must verify user age and obtain parental consent for minors or face penalties.

## Key Provisions

- Covered entities must make a limited-access mode available for minors (Chapter 81, Title 39).
- Age verification is required to determine if users are minors (Chapter 81, Title 39).
- Parental consent is necessary for minors to access restricted features (Chapter 81, Title 39).
- Prohibition against prioritizing engagement over user well-being (Chapter 81, Title 39).
- Procedures to report harm inflicted by chatbots on minors, with penalties for non-compliance (Chapter 81, Title 39).

## Compliance Checklist

- Implement a limited-access mode for unverified users | Who: Covered entities (chatbot operators) | Penalty: Up to \$50,000 per day of non-compliance
- Verify user age before enabling restricted features | Who: Covered entities | Penalty: Up to \$50,000 per violation

## Industries Affected

Child Safety

Artificial Intelligence

General

Technology

## Topics

User-Facing AI

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Alexander		Primary
Fanning		Primary
Corbin		Primary
Martin		Primary
Massey		Primary
Rice		Primary
Loftis		Primary
Kimbrell		Primary
Adams		Primary
Grooms		Primary
Garrett		Primary

## Related Bills

- H5476 (SC)

## Official Source

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