

# HB544 • Mississippi

State institutions of higher learning; create grant program to assist with endowments to recruit and employ certain professors.

Enacted

Risk: Low

Comprehensive

Effective: Jul 01, 2026 | Last Action (Feb 03, 2026): Died In Committee

## Summary

The bill establishes a grant program to assist Mississippi state institutions in recruiting professors of Quantum Computing and AI Engineering.

## Business Impact

If you operate a state institution of higher learning in Mississippi, you must apply for grants to recruit AI professors by July 1, 2026, or miss funding opportunities.

## Key Provisions

- MDA shall establish a grant program for recruiting AI and Quantum Computing professors.
- State institutions must submit applications to receive grant assistance.
- A special fund will be created to manage grant disbursements.
- Unexpended funds will not lapse into the General Fund.
- MDA will have the authority to implement and administer the program.
- The act takes effect on July 1, 2026.

## Compliance Checklist

- Submit an application for grant assistance | Who: State institutions of higher learning | Penalty: Missed opportunity for funding
- Provide detailed information on intended use of grant funds | Who: State institutions of higher learning | Penalty: Application may be denied

## Industries Affected

Higher Education

Employment

Technology

## Topics

AI in Employment

Comprehensive AI

## Bill Sponsors

| Name        | Party | Role    |
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| Henry Zuber | R     | Sponsor |

## Related Bills

- HB384 (MS)

## Official Source

<https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2026/pdf/history/HB/HB0544.xml>

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