

# HB840 • Mississippi

Criminal offenses; enhance penalties for certain if artificial intelligence was used in the commission of.

Enacted

Risk: High

Comprehensive

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

## Summary

This bill enhances penalties for AI-related offenses, adding at least one year to felonies with a minimum term of two years or more, and amends laws on child exploitation materials.

## Business Impact

If you use AI in any capacity in Mississippi, you must ensure compliance with enhanced penalties for related offenses by July 1, 2026, or face increased prison terms and fines.

## Key Provisions

- Imposes enhanced penalties for using AI in designated offenses.
- Defines 'artificial intelligence system' and 'designated offense'.
- Requires prosecutors to provide notice of intent to seek enhanced penalties.
- Specifies additional imprisonment terms and fines for misdemeanors and felonies, including at least one year added to felonies with a minimum term of two years or more.
- Amends Section 97-5-33 to prohibit realistic visual materials depicting children in sexually explicit conduct.
- Effective date set for July 1, 2026.

## Compliance Checklist

- Ensure awareness of enhanced penalties for AI-related offenses. | Who: All individuals and organizations using AI in Mississippi. | Penalty: Increased prison terms and fines for non-compliance.
- Implement training on legal implications of AI use. | Who: Compliance officers and legal teams. | Penalty: Potential legal repercussions for failing to comply.

## Industries Affected

- Legal
- Criminal Justice
- Technology
- Law Enforcement

## Topics

- AI CSAM
- Comprehensive AI

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Jill Ford	R	Sponsor

## Official Source

<https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2026/pdf/history/HB/HB0840.xml>

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