

HB384 • Mississippi

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

Enacted

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Effective: Jul 01, 2025 | Last Action (Feb 04, 2025): Died In Committee

Summary

The bill establishes a grant program to assist Mississippi higher education 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, 2025, or miss funding opportunities.

Key Provisions

- Establishment of a grant program by the Mississippi Development Authority.
- Creation of a special fund for grants to support endowments for professors.
- Application process for state institutions to request grant assistance.
- MDA's discretion in fund disbursement upon legislative appropriation.
- Unexpended funds will not lapse into the General Fund.
- MDA to promulgate necessary rules and regulations for implementation.

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 rejected

Industries Affected

Higher Education

Employment

Technology

Topics

AI in Employment

Comprehensive AI

AI in Education

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
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Related Bills

- HB544 (MS)

Official Source

<https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2025/pdf/history/HB/HB0384.xml>

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