

Safe AI for Kids Act

Protecting Children. Supporting Families. Promoting Responsible Innovation.

Conversational AI is rapidly becoming a tutor, companion, adviser, and source of emotional support for children, before states have had a chance to establish basic safety standards governing how these systems are designed, tested, and deployed. The Safe AI for Kids Act creates technology-neutral safeguards that protect minors, strengthen parental confidence, and preserve responsible innovation.

THE CORE IDEA

Children should not be the first real-world test subjects for powerful AI systems.

Why States Should Act

- Protecting children is a core responsibility of state government.
- States already set standards for products, schools, childcare, consumer protection, public health, and privacy.
- This bill applies those longstanding public-safety principles to conversational AI.

Legislative Purpose

Establishes a reasonable duty of care for operators and developers of conversational AI systems accessible to minors through independent safety testing, child-specific design safeguards, strong data protections, and enforceable accountability.

The proposal is designed to deliver protection without banning AI or preventing beneficial uses of the technology.

Current Endorsers



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What the Bill Does

1

Establishes a Duty of Care

Operators and developers must prioritize the safety of minor users. Safety may not be subordinated to profit.

2

Requires Independent Safety Testing

Before public deployment, a system must pass a state-overseen evaluation conducted by an external, state-assigned evaluator. Testing covers mental health, data practices, age-appropriate design, and financial and sexual exploitation.

3

Creates Child-Specific Operational Safeguards

Systems must clearly disclose that users are interacting with AI, provide crisis resources for at-risk users, and prohibit child sexual abuse. Systems may not be optimized to increase compulsive engagement or emotional dependency among children.

4

Protects Children's Data

The Act prohibits training AI models on minors' conversational data, limits conversational-data retention to one year, and prevents anonymization from being used as a workaround.

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Ensures Accountability and Effective Enforcement

When AI systems harm children, companies can be held accountable. The Act authorizes enforcement by the state Attorney General, a designated state agency, and a private right of action.

Why This Bill Is Different

- ✓ Focuses on protecting children
- ✓ Addresses root causes of harm, by making AI safe before kids use it
- ✓ Creates a clear child-specific duty of care
- ✓ Requires independent pre-deployment safety testing
- ✓ Protects children's conversational data
- ✓ Preserves existing tort remedies
- ✓ Supports innovation while setting reasonable safeguards
- ✓ Builds public trust in responsible AI

