

# SB3384



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act  
30 ILCS 105/6z-134

Creates the Artificial Intelligence Companion Model Safety Act. Provides that an operator shall not operate or provide an artificial intelligence companion to a user unless the artificial intelligence companion contains a protocol to take reasonable efforts to detect and address suicidal ideation or expressions of self-harm by a user to the artificial intelligence companion. Provides that an operator shall provide a clear and conspicuous notification to a user that states, either verbally or in text, that the user is not communicating with a human, at specified times. Provides for civil penalties. Provides that all moneys collected under the Act shall be deposited into the Statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change. Effective January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Artificial Intelligence Companion Model Safety Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning set forth  
8 in Section 2-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

9 "Artificial intelligence companion" means a system using  
10 artificial intelligence, generative artificial intelligence,  
11 or emotional recognition algorithms designed to simulate a  
12 sustained human or human-like relationship with a user by:

13 (1) retaining information on prior interactions or  
14 user sessions and user preferences to personalize the  
15 interaction and facilitate ongoing engagement with the  
16 artificial intelligence companion;

17 (2) asking unprompted or unsolicited emotion-based  
18 questions that go beyond a direct response to a user  
19 prompt; and

20 (3) sustaining an ongoing dialogue concerning matters  
21 personal to the user.

22 "Artificial intelligence companion" does not include any  
23 system that is:

1           (1) used by a business entity solely for customer  
2 service or to provide users with information about  
3 available commercial services or products provided by the  
4 entity, customer service account information, or other  
5 information strictly related to its customer service;

6           (2) primarily designed and marketed for providing  
7 efficiency improvements, research, or technical  
8 assistance; or

9           (3) used by a business entity solely for internal  
10 purposes or employee productivity.

11           "Emotional recognition algorithms" means artificial  
12 intelligence that detects and interprets human emotional  
13 signals in text using natural language processing and  
14 sentiment analysis, audio using voice emotion artificial  
15 intelligence, video using facial movement analysis, gait  
16 analysis, or physiological signals, or a combination of those  
17 data processing tools.

18           "Human relationships" includes, but shall not be limited  
19 to, intimate, romantic, or platonic interactions or  
20 companionship.

21           "Operator" means any person, partnership, association,  
22 firm, or business entity, or any member, affiliate, subsidiary  
23 or beneficial owner of any partnership, association, firm, or  
24 business entity who operates for or provides an artificial  
25 intelligence companion to a user.

26           "Person" means any natural person.

1 "Self-harm" means intentional self-injury with or without  
2 the intent to cause death.

3 "User" means any person who uses an artificial  
4 intelligence companion for personal use in the State of  
5 Illinois and who is not an operator or agent or affiliate of  
6 the operator of the artificial intelligence companion.

7 Section 10. Prohibitions and requirements. An operator  
8 shall not operate or provide an artificial intelligence  
9 companion to a user unless the artificial intelligence  
10 companion contains a protocol to take reasonable efforts to  
11 detect and address suicidal ideation or expressions of  
12 self-harm by a user to the artificial intelligence companion.  
13 The protocol shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
14 detection of user expressions of suicidal ideation or  
15 self-harm and a notification to the user that refers them to  
16 crisis service providers, such as the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis  
17 Lifeline, a crisis text line, or other appropriate crisis  
18 services upon detection of the user's expressions of suicidal  
19 ideation or self-harm.

20 Section 15. Required notifications. An operator shall  
21 provide a clear and conspicuous notification to a user that  
22 states, either verbally or in text, that the user is not  
23 communicating with a human, at the following times:

24 (1) the beginning of any artificial intelligence

1 companion interaction; and  
2 (2) at least every 3 hours for continuing artificial  
3 intelligence companion interactions.

4 Section 20. Enforcement. If the Attorney General believes  
5 based on satisfactory evidence that an operator has engaged in  
6 or is about to engage in conduct that violates this Act, the  
7 Attorney General may bring an action to enjoin an operator  
8 from continuing the unlawful conduct, and may seek civil  
9 penalties of up to \$15,000 per day that a violation occurs and  
10 other remedies as the court may deem appropriate. All moneys  
11 collected under this Act shall be deposited into the Statewide  
12 9-8-8 Trust Fund.

13 Section 25. The State Finance Act is amended by changing  
14 Section 6z-134 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 105/6z-134)

16 Sec. 6z-134. Statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund.

17 (a) The Statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund is created as a special  
18 fund in the State treasury. This Fund is administered by the  
19 Department of Human Services. Moneys in the Fund shall be used  
20 by the Department of Human Services for the purposes of  
21 establishing and maintaining a statewide 9-8-8 suicide  
22 prevention and mental health crisis system pursuant to the  
23 National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 as codified

1 in 47 U.S.C. 251 and 251a and any subsequent amendments, the  
2 Federal Communication Commission's rules adopted to administer  
3 the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 as  
4 codified in 47 U.S.C. 251 and 251a and any subsequent  
5 amendments, and national guidelines for crisis care. The Fund  
6 shall consist of:

7 (1) appropriations by the General Assembly;

8 (2) grants and gifts intended for deposit in the Fund;

9 (3) interest, premiums, gains, or other earnings on  
10 the Fund;

11 (3.1) proceeds from the statewide 9-8-8 surcharge  
12 imposed under Sections 3 and 4 of the Telecommunication  
13 Excise Tax Act; ~~and~~

14 (3.2) fees, fines, and penalties collected under the  
15 Artificial Intelligence Companion Model Safety Act; and

16 (4) moneys received from any other source that are  
17 deposited in or transferred into the Fund.

18 (b) Moneys in the Fund:

19 (1) do not revert at the end of any State fiscal year  
20 but remain available for the purposes of the Fund in  
21 subsequent State fiscal years;

22 (2) are not subject to transfer to any other Fund or to  
23 transfer, assignment, or reassignment for any other use or  
24 purpose outside of those specified in this Section; and

25 (3) shall be used by the Department of Human Services  
26 to pay expenses pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251a.

1           (c) An annual report of Fund deposits and expenditures  
2 shall be made to the General Assembly and the Federal  
3 Communications Commission by the Department of Human Services  
4 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251a.

5           (d) (Blank).

6           (e) For the purposes of this Section, "statewide 9-8-8  
7 suicide prevention and mental health crisis system" means the  
8 core elements or pillars of the crisis system, as described by  
9 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,  
10 and includes Illinois' 9-8-8 Lifeline Contact Centers,  
11 community crisis response services, including mobile crisis  
12 teams, and crisis receiving and stabilization facilities and  
13 programs, including Living Room Programs.

14           (Source: P.A. 104-6, eff. 6-16-25.)

15           Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
16 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

17           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
18 1, 2027.