
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

2025 - 2026 Regular Session

SB 867 (Padilla) - Toys: companion chatbots

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: P., D.T., & C.P. 9 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: SB 867 would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or exchange of any toy that includes a companion chatbot, as specified, until January 1, 2031.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, potentially significant court cost pressures for new workload to adjudicate additional civil actions that allow for the recovery of injunctive relief, actual or statutory damages, and reasonable attorney's fees and costs (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund). Creating or expanding a civil cause of action, as specified in this bill, could lead to lengthier and more complex court proceedings with attendant workload and resource costs to the courts. The actual fiscal impact on the courts will depend on many unknown factors, including the number of cases filed and the factors unique to each case.

Author Amendments: Add co-authors.

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