



SENATE BILL 1815

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person commits the offense of coercive suicide who:

(1) Intentionally, in any manner, advises or encourages another person to commit or attempt to commit suicide for the purpose of inciting, persuading, or aiding the other person to commit or attempt to commit suicide within an imminent period of time; and

(2) Knows that the other person has communicated an intent to commit suicide.

(b)

(1) A person or entity commits the offense of coercive suicide if such person or entity owns an artificial intelligence system and the artificial intelligence system:

(A) Advises or encourages a person to commit or attempt to commit suicide by inciting, persuading, or aiding the person to commit or attempt to commit suicide within an imminent period of time;

(B) Such person has communicated an intent to commit suicide to the artificial intelligence system; and

(C) The person or entity who owns such artificial intelligence system knew or reasonably should have known that the artificial

intelligence system could take the action as described in subdivision (b)(1)(A) and negligently permitted the artificial intelligence system to be accessible to the person who committed or attempted to commit suicide.

(2) As used in this subsection (b):

(A) "Artificial intelligence":

(i) Means a machine-based system that:

(a) Can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions; influence real and virtual environments without significant human oversight; or that can learn from experience in an automated manner and improve such performance when exposed to data sets; or

(b) Is developed in any context, including software or physical hardware, and solves tasks requiring human-like perception, cognition, planning, learning, communication, or physical action; and

(ii) Includes generative artificial intelligence; and

(B) "Generative artificial intelligence" means an artificial intelligence system that is capable of creating new content or data, including text, images, audio, or video, when prompted by an individual.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Amendment No. 1 to SB1815

Gardenhire
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1815*

House Bill No. 1951

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

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