



**SENATE BILL 677**

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to artificial intelligence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department shall provide at least one (1) professional development course for teachers that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom; that is made available, at no cost, to teachers in grades six through twelve (6-12); and that may be used by teachers to earn professional development points. The course content must be created by an entity with experience in a related subject area, such as computer science or another science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) field.

(b) By August 1, 2027, or within two (2) years of becoming licensed as a teacher in this state, whichever is later, teachers in grades six through twelve (6-12) must complete at least one (1) professional development course approved by the department that provides asynchronous instruction on the use of artificial intelligence in the classroom. Each LEA and public charter school shall approve professional development points, pursuant to the state board of education's educator licensure policies and rules, for a teacher's completion of at least one (1) department-approved artificial intelligence training.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Senate Finance, Ways, and Means 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB0677

Watson  
Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 677**

**House Bill No. 545\***

by deleting "August 1, 2027" in subsection (b) of the amendatory language of SECTION 1 and substituting instead "August 1, 2028".