

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1734

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative findings; creating the Oklahoma Responsible Technology in Schools Act; providing short title; providing purpose; defining terms; prohibiting artificial intelligence tools from being used in public school districts for certain purposes except under certain circumstances; requiring artificial intelligence use to comply with certain provisions; directing the State Department of Education to develop and make available guidance regarding certain use of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies; requiring school district boards of education to adopt certain policy prior to the beginning of certain school year; providing for minimum contents of policy; providing certain construction; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-120 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature finds that technology in the classroom including artificial intelligence is increasingly present and

1 pervasive in educational environments. Classroom teachers play an
2 essential and irreplaceable role in a student's educational career,
3 and artificial intelligence tools, when used in classrooms, should
4 supplement educator-led instruction, not supplant it. The absence
5 of consistent guardrails for student-facing emerging technologies
6 may increase risks to student data privacy and instructional
7 integrity.

8 B. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
9 Responsible Technology in Schools Act". The purpose of the act is
10 to provide clarity, accountability, and consistency by:

11 1. Establishing principles and guardrails for the appropriate
12 and responsible use of artificial intelligence in public school
13 districts in this state;

14 2. Protecting student data, privacy, and educational integrity;

15 3. Preserving local control and educator discretion; and

16 4. Supporting transparency to students and families.

17 C. As used in this act:

18 1. "Artificial intelligence" or "AI" means a system or
19 application consistent with the definition set forth in 15 U.S.C.,
20 Section 9401(3);

21 2. "Classroom AI tool" means an artificial intelligence
22 application used to support instruction, learning activities,
23 assessment assistance, or educator workflows in a school setting;
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1 3. "Educator-directed AI use" means use of an artificial
2 intelligence tool under the supervision and professional judgment of
3 a teacher or school employee;

4 4. "Student-facing AI tool" means an artificial intelligence
5 tool with which students interact directly as part of an
6 instructional activity; and

7 5. "Human-in-the-loop" means that an educator or authorized
8 school employee maintains oversight, review, and final decision-
9 making authority over outputs generated by an artificial
10 intelligence tool.

11 D. Artificial intelligence tools shall not be used in public
12 school districts in this state for instructional or educational
13 purposes except through educator-directed AI use, subject to
14 applicable law and the policy of the school district board of
15 education.

16 E. If artificial intelligence is used in a public school
17 district in this state, such use shall be subject to the following:

18 1. All classroom AI tools shall be deployed through educator-
19 directed AI use. The responsibility for decisions informed by
20 artificial intelligence shall remain with school employees and shall
21 not be delegated to an artificial intelligence system or vendor;

22 2. Classroom AI tools and student-facing AI tools shall operate
23 with a human-in-the-loop. Outputs generated by artificial
24 intelligence shall be reviewed by an educator or authorized school
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1 employee prior to use in instruction, feedback, assessment, or
2 decision-making;

3 3. Artificial intelligence tools shall not be used as the
4 primary basis for student grading, discipline, placement, promotion,
5 retention, or other high-stakes educational decisions;

6 4. Student-facing AI tools shall be appropriate to the age and
7 developmental level of students and shall be used only for clearly
8 defined educational or instructional purposes;

9 5. Artificial intelligence tools shall comply with applicable
10 federal and state student data privacy and security laws including
11 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and
12 shall meet recognized industry standards or otherwise stringent
13 private audit and security standards. School districts shall take
14 reasonable steps to minimize the amount of student data shared with
15 artificial intelligence tools; and

16 6. School districts in this state shall address transparency
17 regarding the instructional use of artificial intelligence including
18 communication to students and families regarding the role and
19 limitations of such tools.

20 F. The State Department of Education shall develop and make
21 available guidance regarding the responsible use of artificial
22 intelligence and emerging technologies for public school districts
23 in this state.

1 G. Prior to the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, each
2 school district board of education shall adopt and maintain a policy
3 governing the use of artificial intelligence and emerging
4 technologies. The policy shall at a minimum:

- 5 1. Identify roles or school employees responsible for approving
6 and overseeing the use of artificial intelligence tools;
- 7 2. Address appropriate instructional uses and prohibited uses;
- 8 3. Address student data protection and data minimization
9 practices;
- 10 4. Address transparency to students and families;
- 11 5. Provide for periodic review and updates; and
- 12 6. Comply with the provisions set forth in subsection E of this
13 section and the guidance developed by the State Department of
14 Education.

15 H. Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

- 16 1. Require a public school district in this state to use
17 artificial intelligence in any school; or
- 18 2. Limit the authority of school district boards of education
19 to make decisions regarding instructional methods or technology use.

20 I. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to
21 implement the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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