

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Legislation from the 89th Legislative Session



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In the 89th legislative session, AI policy aimed to harness the transformative power of AI while protecting rights and privacy. Laws focused on ethical standards, training, and oversight to ensure responsible AI use in government.

HB 149 - Texas Responsible AI Governance Act



- Bans harmful AI uses, including:
 - Inciting harm or crime
 - Social scoring that violates rights
 - Biometric ID without consent
 - Discrimination or rights violations
 - Child sexual abuse material or child-impersonation content
- Creates AI Council with various duties, including conducting trainings for state agencies & local governments

SB 1964 - AI public sector regulatory framework



- Department of Information Resources (DIR) to create:
 - AI ethics code (aligned with National Institute of Standards and Technology AI Risk Framework)
 - Minimum standards for high-risk AI
 - Public & government training materials
 - AI sandbox for approved public uses
- Requires disclosure of public-facing AI systems
- Requires a standardized notice for public-facing AI systems

HB 3512 - AI training



- DIR must certify at least 5 AI training programs for state and local government employees, equal in length to current cybersecurity training
- School district cybersecurity coordinators must complete AI training yearly; other staff as determined by the district

HB 2818 (in conjunction with DIR sunset recommendations)



- New AI Division will support state agencies and partners in using generative AI tools
- Through Sunset, DIR is improving its communications to customers regarding eligibility and cost of services, with specific information for school districts

AI Policy Developments in Other States

UTAH HB 168

Promotes AI use in education while teaching students and educators about its risks and limitations in Utah

FLORIDA HB 483

Assesses AI use in education, its potential, and related ethical, legal, and privacy issues

OHIO HB 96

Requires state model AI policy by 12/31/25, and mandates all public K-12 schools adopt an AI policy by 7/1/26