



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2025 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 86

AN ACT ADDRESSING INNOVATIONS IN AND THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Current Situation

The rapidly developing technology of artificial intelligence continues to revolutionize the global economy by enhancing productivity, fostering innovation, and driving efficiency across nearly all industries. Connecticut must position its economy to take advantage of artificial intelligence's many breakthrough opportunities, while ensuring that this powerful technology is also used safely and responsibly.

A 2025 survey by the digital safety non-profit organization, Common Sense Media, found that 72% of teens have used AI companions at least once, with more than half using them a few times a month.¹ With these automated systems increasingly integrating into daily life, there are too many headlines across the country of tragic cases where automated chatbots encouraged people to take their own lives.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Require developers of AI companion models to prioritize safety by establishing protocols that can identify and recognize specific mental health needs and refer distressed users to crisis services if needed. Companion models must also remind users every three hours that they are not interacting with a person.

Expand the state's Open Data Portal by directing agencies to release AI-ready datasets that could be useful for artificial intelligence systems, machine

¹ <https://www.common sense media.org/press-releases/nearly-3-in-4-teens-have-used-ai-companions-new-national-survey-finds>



learning and other statistical means of data analysis to create economic opportunity and support state economic development goals. All existing data disclosure laws and regulations will continue to apply.

Direct multiple executive branch agencies to collaborate and develop a proposal for an AI regulatory sandbox to make Connecticut the most attractive state in the region for AI development in targeted industries: insurance, finance, and health services.