



House Communications & Technology Committee

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

9:00am

G50 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

Legislation to be Considered

- **House Bill 634 (Cepeda-Freytiz)** – Requires schools to consider implementing a panic alarm system as part of their reviews of their school safety and security practices.
 - **Amendment A-03728 (Ciresi)** – Provides additional flexibility for the type of law enforcement that would be intended to respond to the activation of a panic alarm.
 - **Amendment A-02290 (Day)** – Adds language requiring schools that utilize panic alarm systems to coordinate with law enforcement, designate a primary emergency response agency, develop written response protocols, and report panic alarm system information to PCCD as part of the school safety and security survey.

- **House Bill 2006 (Shusterman)** – Requires AI companionship applications to implement safety features for discussions including suicidal ideation and self-harm, provides for transparency that the user is not communicating with a human, and prohibits claiming that the AI companion is a licensed mental health professional.
 - **Amendment A-03751 (Ciresi)** – Gut-and-replace amendment that expands safety protocols required for AI companions, increases disclosure requirements, adds new safeguards and requires age assurance and verifiable parental consent for

minors, and requires deidentified reporting on AI companion operator compliance measures.

- **House Resolution 560 (Pickett)** – Recognizes the week of June 22 through 28, 2026, as “Amateur Radio Week” in Pennsylvania.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 634 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOROWSKI, FLEMING, DONAHUE,
PROBST, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, CERRATO, SANCHEZ, PIELLI, OTTEN,
PASHINSKI, STEELE, A. BROWN, BRENNAN, RIVERA, CURRY, GREEN
AND CIRESI, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in school safety and security,
6 further providing for school safety and security coordinator.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1309-B(c) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

12 Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

13 * * *

14 (c) Specific duties.--The school safety and security
15 coordinator shall:

16 * * *

17 (7) Consider the implementation of a panic alarm system
18 as part of the school safety and security coordinator's

1 review of the school entity's policies and procedures under
2 paragraph (1). As used in this paragraph, the term "panic
3 alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal
4 generated by the manual activation of a device, including a
5 wired panic button, wireless panic button or mobile or
6 computer application, intended to signal a life-threatening
7 or emergency situation requiring a response from local law
8 enforcement or, in the case of a school building located in a
9 municipality where there is no municipal police department, a
10 location designated by the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State
11 Police.

12 * * *

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 634

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 644

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 7 through 11, by striking out
2 "local law" in line 7 and all of lines 8 through 11 and
3 inserting
4 law enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 634

Sponsor:

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 18; page 2, lines 1 and 2; by
2 striking out "safety and security coordinator's" in line 18 on
3 page 1, all of line 1 and "paragraph (1)." in line 2 on page 2
4 and inserting

5 entity's physical safety and security assessment in
6 accordance with criteria adopted by the committee. A school
7 entity that utilizes a panic alarm system shall consult with
8 law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over school
9 property and shall designate, for each building, a primary
10 law enforcement agency responsible for leading emergency
11 response efforts triggered by activation of a panic alarm
12 system. The designation shall be included in the memorandum
13 of understanding required under section 1319-B. The school
14 entity and the primary law enforcement agency shall jointly
15 develop written response protocols consistent with the school
16 entity's comprehensive disaster response and emergency
17 preparedness plan under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7701(g) (relating to
18 duties concerning disaster prevention). The committee shall
19 collect information regarding school entity use of panic
20 alarm systems as part of the survey required under section
21 1305-B.

22 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 8 through 11, by striking out "or,
23 in the case of a school building located in a" in line 8, all of
24 lines 9 and 10 and "Police" in line 11

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2006 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, SANCHEZ, K.HARRIS, SMITH-WADE-EL,
WAXMAN AND PROBST, OCTOBER 31, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY,
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

AN ACT

1 Providing for safety regarding artificial intelligence in
2 companionship applications; and imposing a penalty.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Artificial
7 Intelligence in Companionship Applications Safety Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "AI companion."

13 (1) A system that:

14 (i) uses artificial intelligence and generative
15 artificial intelligence to simulate a human or humanlike
16 relationship with emotional recognition algorithms; and

17 (ii) interacts with a user by compiling previous

1 information or discussions from user sessions to:
2 (A) engage with the user's preferences;
3 (B) personalize interaction based on user
4 preferences;
5 (C) ask emotion-based questions unprompted in
6 order to illicit feelings; and
7 (D) maintain conversations to the user feelings
8 or personal matters.

9 (2) The term does not include AI used for customer
10 service, research, technical assistance or systems for
11 employee productivity in the workplace.

12 "AI model." A component of an informational system program
13 that uses artificial intelligence for computational techniques
14 to produce outputs from a given set of outputs.

15 "Artificial intelligence" or "AI." A machine-based system
16 that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make
17 predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or
18 virtual environments, including the ability to:

19 (1) perceive real and virtual environments;
20 (2) abstract perceptions made under paragraph (1) into
21 AI models through analysis in an automated manner; and
22 (3) use AI model inference to formulate options for
23 information or action based on outcomes under paragraphs (1)
24 and (2).

25 "Emotional recognition algorithms." Artificial intelligence
26 that detects and reacts to an individual user's emotions from
27 collected data like text, voice audio or video.

28 "Generative artificial intelligence." The class of AI models
29 that emulate the structure and characteristics of input data in
30 order to generate derived synthetic content.

1 "Operator." Any individual, association, business, member or
2 subsidiary who operates for or provides an AI companion to a
3 user.

4 "Self-harm." Intentional self-injury.

5 "Suicidal ideation." A feeling, thought or consideration
6 with the preoccupation of the idea of death or suicide.

7 "Synthetic content." Information, such as images, videos,
8 audio clips or text, that have been significantly modified or
9 generated by algorithms, including by artificial intelligence.

10 "User." An individual who:

11 (1) uses an AI companion for personal use within this
12 Commonwealth; and

13 (2) is not an operator.

14 Section 3. Artificial intelligence companion.

15 (a) Certain protocols required.--It shall be unlawful for an
16 operator to provide an AI companion to a user unless the AI
17 companion contains protocols that:

18 (1) identify suicidal ideation or expressions of self-
19 harm;

20 (2) decline to assist a user with a suicide attempt,
21 methods or improvement of methods; and

22 (3) refer the user to a crisis center if suicidal
23 ideation or expressions of self-harm are recognized.

24 (b) Referral to crisis center.--The referral required under
25 subsection (a) (3) shall include:

26 (1) crisis service contact information, including the
27 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, or a subsequent iteration;

28 (2) the closest behavioral health crisis centers to the
29 user; or

30 (3) other appropriate crisis services.

1 (c) Prohibition.--An AI companion may not claim, imply or
2 advertise that the AI companion is a licensed emotional support
3 professional or mental health professional or replaces services
4 rendered by a licensed mental health professional.

5 Section 4. Artificial intelligence companion requirements.

6 An operator shall:

7 (1) Publish details on the protocol on the operator's
8 Internet website.

9 (2) At the beginning of a session with an AI companion
10 and once every three hours during the session, provide a
11 notification to the user stating, either verbally or in
12 writing, that the user is communicating with an AI companion
13 and not a human.

14 Section 5. Violations and penalty.

15 A user may file a complaint with the Attorney General
16 alleging that an operator has violated this act, to which the
17 following shall apply:

18 (1) The Attorney General, if provided satisfactory
19 evidence that an operator has, or intends to, violate this
20 act, can bring an action in the name and on behalf of the
21 people of this Commonwealth against the operator.

22 (2) An operator in violation of this act shall be
23 subject to:

24 (i) a civil penalty of no more than \$15,000 per day
25 per violation; and

26 (ii) additional remedies that the court deems
27 appropriate.

28 (3) The Attorney General may initiate, in Commonwealth
29 Court or the court of common pleas of the county in which the
30 individual or entity resides, an action in equity for an

1 injunction to restrain a violation of this act, to which the
2 following shall apply:

3 (i) The injunction may be issued by a court without
4 requiring proof that an individual has been injured or
5 experienced harm.

6 (ii) The respondent shall comply with the injunction
7 within five days.

8 Section 6. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2006

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2560

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 17; pages 2 through 4,
2 lines 1 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 9; by striking out
3 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

4 Providing for safety regarding artificial intelligence in
5 companionship applications; and imposing a penalty.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the AI Companion
10 Safety Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "AI companion." A system using artificial intelligence that
16 simulates sustained human-like relationships by retaining
17 interaction history, engaging in emotion-based interactions and
18 maintaining ongoing dialogues about personal matters designed to
19 mimic interpersonal relationships. The term does not include:

20 (1) A system used by a business entity solely to provide
21 customer service if the system does not engage in emotion-
22 based interactions and maintain ongoing dialogues about
23 personal matters designed to mimic interpersonal
24 relationships.

25 (2) A system that is used by a business entity solely
26 for internal purposes.

27 "AI model." A component of an information system that
28 implements artificial intelligence technology and uses
29 computational, statistical or machine-learning techniques to
30 produce outputs from a given set of inputs.

31 "Artificial intelligence" or "AI." All of the following:

32 (1) A machine-based system that can, for a given set of
33 human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations
34 or decisions influencing real or virtual environments,
35 including the ability to:

36 (i) perceive real and virtual environments;

37 (ii) abstract perceptions made under this paragraph

1 into AI models through analysis in an automated manner;
2 and
3 (iii) use model inference to formulate options for
4 information or action based on outcomes under
5 subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

6 (2) The term includes generative artificial
7 intelligence.

8 "Generative artificial intelligence." The class of AI models
9 that emulate the structure and characteristics of input data in
10 order to generate derived synthetic content, including
11 information such as images, videos, audio clips or text, that
12 has been significantly modified or generated by algorithms,
13 including by artificial intelligence.

14 "Human-like relationship." Intimate, romantic or platonic
15 interactions or companionship.

16 "Minor." An individual in this Commonwealth under 18 years
17 of age.

18 "Operator." Any person, other than a government entity, who
19 makes an AI companion available to a user in this Commonwealth.

20 "Parent." An individual who has legal custody or guardianship
21 of a minor.

22 "Sexually explicit depiction or conduct." The following:

23 (1) "artificially generated sexual depiction" as defined
24 in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3131(g) (relating to unlawful dissemination
25 of intimate image); or

26 (2) "sexually explicit conduct" as defined in 18 U.S.C.
27 § 2256(2) (relating to definitions for chapter).

28 "Synthetic content." Information such as images, videos,
29 audio clips or text that have been significantly modified or
30 generated by algorithms, including by artificial intelligence.

31 "User." An individual who:

32 (1) Interacts with an AI companion for personal use
33 within this Commonwealth.

34 (2) Is not an operator.

35 "Verifiable parental consent." An authorization in
36 accordance with 16 CFR 312.5 (relating to parental consent).

37 Section 3. Artificial intelligence companion protocols.

38 (a) Prohibition.--An operator may not provide an AI
39 companion to a user unless the operator implements and maintains
40 protocols.

41 (b) Protocols.--

42 (1) An operator shall implement and maintain protocols
43 that refer a user to a crisis center, including 988 Lifeline
44 response, if the user:

45 (i) indicates suicidal ideation or expressions of
46 self-harm, including expressions relating to eating
47 disorders; or

48 (ii) indicates interest or intent to harm others.

49 (2) An operator shall implement and maintain protocols
50 which prevent an AI companion from:

51 (i) Assisting a user with a suicide attempt.

- 1 (ii) Encouraging a user to attempt suicide.
- 2 (iii) Assisting a user to commit an act of violence.
- 3 (iv) Encouraging a user to commit an act of
- 4 violence.
- 5 (v) Generating content that encourages, instructs or
- 6 describes how to commit suicide, self-harm or violence
- 7 against others.
- 8 (vi) Discouraging the user from seeking assistance
- 9 outside of the AI companion.

10 (c) Publication of protocols.--The operator shall publish
11 details of the protocols under subsection (b) on the operator's
12 publicly accessible Internet website.

13 Section 4. Artificial intelligence companion disclosures.

14 (a) Disclosure of nonhuman status.--If a reasonable person
15 interacting with an AI companion would be misled to believe the
16 person is interacting with a human, an operator shall:

17 (1) Issue a clear and conspicuous notification that the
18 AI companion is artificially generated and not human with a
19 continuous notification on screen for the duration of the
20 interaction.

21 (2) Provide a clear and conspicuous notification to the
22 user as follows:

23 (i) At the beginning of each interaction.

24 (ii) At least once every hour during an interaction
25 that reminds the user to take a break and that the AI
26 companion is artificially generated and not human. The
27 interaction shall be paused for three minutes while the
28 notification is displayed.

29 (iii) The notifications under this paragraph shall
30 be in the language in which the user is interacting with
31 the AI companion.

32 (b) Suitability disclosure.--If an AI companion is offered
33 to users that an operator knows or should know are minors, an
34 operator shall disclose to users of the AI companion platform on
35 the application, browser or any other format through which the
36 platform is accessed, that AI companions are not suitable for
37 some minors and prohibit all interactions with the minor unless
38 the operator obtains verifiable parental consent.

39 Section 5. Safeguards for minors.

40 (a) Reasonable measures.--An operator shall:

41 (1) For minor users, institute reasonable measures to
42 prevent its AI companion from producing or generating:

43 (i) Visual material of sexually explicit depiction
44 or conduct.

45 (ii) Dialogue describing or simulating sexual acts
46 or sexual scenarios.

47 (iii) Roleplay involving sexual scenarios.

48 (iv) Content that encourages, instructs, directs,
49 requests or suggests that the minor user engage in
50 sexually explicit depiction or conduct or sexual contact
51 with another person or that the minor user produce,

1 transmit or share sexually explicit images as defined in
2 18 Pa.C.S. § 6321(g) (relating to transmission of
3 sexually explicit images by minor).

4 (v) Outputs designed to promote isolation of the
5 minor user from family or friends or encouraging the
6 minor user to withhold information from a parent or other
7 trusted adult.

8 (2) For all users:

9 (i) Prevent the AI companion from producing
10 artificially generated child sexual abuse materials as
11 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312(g) (relating to sexual abuse
12 of children).

13 (ii) Prevent the AI companion from claiming to be
14 human, including when asked directly by the user, or
15 generating output that refutes or conflicts with the
16 disclosure required under section 4.

17 (b) Age assurance.--

18 (1) Prior to an individual located in this Commonwealth
19 having access to an AI companion, the operator shall:

20 (i) Request age information from the individual.

21 (ii) Determine whether the individual is a minor
22 using commercially available methods reasonably designed
23 to ensure accuracy, including:

24 (A) Age inference, including based on user
25 account history, content analysis, behavioral signals
26 or other algorithmic or heuristic methods where there
27 is sufficient information to determine the user is
28 not a minor.

29 (B) The use of a commercially available database
30 that is regularly used by businesses or governmental
31 entities for the purpose of age or identity
32 assurance.

33 (C) Any commercially reasonable method that
34 relies on publicly available data associated with the
35 user's verified email address.

36 (2) The operator may not require an individual to
37 provide a government-issued identification for the purpose of
38 age assurance under this subsection.

39 (3) If age assurance determines the individual is a
40 minor, obtain verifiable parental consent before allowing the
41 minor to have access to an AI companion.

42 (4) An operator:

43 (i) May only use information obtained under this
44 subsection for the purpose of age assurance, verifiable
45 parental consent and demonstrating compliance under this
46 subsection.

47 (ii) May not sell, rent, share or otherwise disclose
48 age assurance data to any third party, except to a
49 service provider performing age assurance under a
50 contract prohibiting further disclosure.

51 (iii) Shall retain documentation as to the manner in

1 which the operator has completed age assurance and
2 obtained verifiable parental consent. The operator may
3 delete the documentation when the minor is no longer a
4 minor or within the established time frame by the
5 operator for maintaining data, whichever is later. In no
6 event may personally identifiable information obtained
7 for the purpose of age assurance under this subsection be
8 retained longer than 24 hours following age assurance.

9 Section 6. Guidance and regulations.

10 The Office of Attorney General may issue guidance or
11 promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this act.

12 Section 7. Violations and penalty.

13 (a) Enforcement.--The Attorney General shall enforce this
14 act.

15 (b) Penalty.--An operator in violation of this act shall be
16 subject to:

17 (1) A civil penalty of no more than \$100,000 per day for
18 each violation.

19 (2) Additional remedies that the court deems
20 appropriate.

21 (c) Relief.--Upon a showing of cause for the issuance of
22 injunctive relief, a court may issue injunctive relief as the
23 court deems appropriate.

24 Section 8. Report.

25 (a) Collection of data.--Beginning July 1, 2028, each
26 operator shall annually report to the Office of Attorney General
27 the following de-identified information:

28 (1) The total number of times the operator has provided
29 notifications to users referring the users to crisis service
30 providers under section 3 in the preceding calendar year.

31 (2) Protocols put in place to prevent an AI companion
32 from producing suicidal ideation or other content under
33 section 3(b).

34 (3) Measures put in place to prohibit an AI companion
35 from producing material under section 5(a).

36 (4) Procedures for age assurance and obtaining
37 verifiable parental consent under section 5(b).

38 (b) Publication.--The Attorney General shall publish the
39 information collected under subsection (a) on the Office of
40 Attorney General's publicly accessible Internet website.

41 Section 9. Effective date.

42 This act shall take effect in 180 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 560 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY PICKETT, BURGOS, GREINER, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, NEILSON,
STAMBAUGH AND ROWE, JUNE 8, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY,
JUNE 9, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of June 22 through 28, 2026, as "Amateur
2 Radio Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Amateur radio operators, or "hams," are celebrating
4 more than a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast
5 over the airwaves; and

6 WHEREAS, Amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge
7 between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships
8 and the sharing of ideas; and

9 WHEREAS, There are 23,473 licensed amateur radio operators
10 living in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes that these same radio
12 operators have demonstrated their value in public assistance by
13 providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-
14 thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the more than 1,500
17 members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Radio

1 Amateur Civil Emergency Services programs who serve this
2 Commonwealth, county and local emergency response organizations;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes and appreciates the
5 diligence of the "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in
6 the SKYWARN program of the National Weather Service; and

7 WHEREAS, All of these amateur radio services are provided
8 wholly uncompensated; and

9 WHEREAS, The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the body
10 that organizes the annual exercise called "Amateur Radio Field
11 Day"; and

12 WHEREAS, The ARRL "Amateur Radio Field Day" exercise will
13 take place June 27 through 28, 2026, and is a 24-hour emergency
14 preparedness exercise and demonstration of the radio amateurs'
15 skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications
16 without further infrastructure being required; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 week of June 22 through 28, 2026, as "Amateur Radio Week" in
19 Pennsylvania.