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Requested by Senator REYNOLDS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1546**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 22 and delete page
2 2.

3 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 23 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 **“(a)(A) ‘Artificial intelligence companion’ means a system that uses**
6 **artificial intelligence, generative artificial intelligence or algorithms**
7 **that recognize emotion from input and that are designed to simulate**
8 **a sustained, human-like platonic, intimate or romantic relationship**
9 **or companionship with a user by:**

10 **“(i) Retaining information from prior interactions or user sessions**
11 **and from user preferences to personalize interactions with the user**
12 **and facilitate ongoing engagement with the artificial intelligence**
13 **companion;**

14 **“(ii) Asking unprompted or unsolicited questions that are not direct**
15 **responses to user input and that suggest or concern emotional topics;**
16 **and**

17 **“(iii) Sustaining an ongoing dialog concerning matters that are**
18 **personal to the user.**

19 **“(B) ‘Artificial intelligence companion’ does not include:**

20 **“(i) Software that operates solely for the purpose of customer ser-**
21 **vice or support, assisting or supporting patient or resident care ser-**

1 vices in a facility, education, financial services or education, business
2 operations, productivity, information analysis, internal research or
3 technical assistance, regardless of the software's capability to use na-
4 tural language inputs and generate natural language outputs;

5 “(ii) Software incorporated into a video game that is limited to
6 providing interaction only with the features of the video game, if the
7 software does not respond to input on topics such as mental health,
8 self-harm, sexually explicit conduct or other topics unrelated to the
9 features of the video game; or

10 “(iii) A stand-alone consumer electronic device that functions as a
11 speaker and voice command interface or acts as a voice-activated vir-
12 tual assistant.

13 “(b) ‘Artificial intelligence companion platform’ means a website,
14 application or other combination of software and hardware that allows
15 or facilitates operation of and interaction with an artificial intelli-
16 gence companion.

17 “(c) ‘National 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline’ means the crisis
18 hotline that the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
19 Administration, or a successor agency, operates and makes available
20 by telephone or by electronic means.

21 “(d) ‘Operator’ means a person that controls or makes an artificial
22 intelligence companion or artificial intelligence companion platform
23 available to users in this state.

24 “(e) ‘Sexually explicit conduct’ has the meaning given that term in
25 ORS 163.665.

26 “(f) ‘Youthline’ means a service that the American Association for
27 Suicidology, or a successor organization, has accredited for the pur-
28 pose of providing youth peer support to individuals who contact the
29 network by telephone or electronic means.

30 “(2) If a reasonable person that interacts with an artificial intelli-

1 **gence companion or an artificial intelligence companion platform**
2 **would believe that the person is interacting with a natural person, the**
3 **operator shall provide on the artificial intelligence companion plat-**
4 **form a clear and conspicuous notice that indicates that a user is**
5 **interacting with artificially generated output and not a natural person.**

6 **“(3)(a) An operator may not allow users in this state access to an**
7 **artificial intelligence companion or artificial intelligence companion**
8 **platform unless the operator has a protocol for using evidence-based**
9 **methods for detecting input from the user that consists of suicidal**
10 **ideation or intent or self-harm ideation or intent and that prevents the**
11 **provision of content to the user that encourages suicidal ideation, su-**
12 **icide or self-harm in the user.**

13 **“(b) The protocol described in paragraph (a) of this subsection at a**
14 **minimum must require an artificial intelligence companion:**

15 **“(A) To provide a user that expresses suicidal ideation or intent or**
16 **self-harm ideation or intent with a referral to and contact information**
17 **and hyperlink for the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline and, if**
18 **the operator identifies the user as a person who is under 25 years of**
19 **age, the artificial intelligence companion may alternatively provide a**
20 **referral to and contact information and hyperlink for a youthline; and**

21 **“(B) If the user continues to express suicidal ideation or intent or**
22 **self-harm ideation or intent, to continue to respond with referrals to**
23 **and contact information and hyperlink for the national 9-8-8 suicide**
24 **and crisis lifeline or youthline as provided in subparagraph (A) of this**
25 **paragraph until the user no longer expresses suicidal ideation or intent**
26 **or self-harm ideation or intent. If the user is under 25 years of age and**
27 **no longer expresses suicidal ideation or intent or self-harm ideation**
28 **or intent, the artificial intelligence companion’s further interactions**
29 **with the user must comply with the requirements of subsection (4) of**
30 **this section.**

1 “(c) The protocol described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must
2 be informed by best clinical practice and expertise and must provide
3 for additional intervention if a user continues to express suicidal
4 ideation or intent or self-harm ideation or intent.

5 “(d) An operator shall publish on the operator’s website the details
6 of the operator’s protocol.

7 “(4)(a) If an operator knows or has reason to believe that a user of
8 the operator’s artificial intelligence companion or artificial intelli-
9 gence companion platform is a minor, the operator shall undertake
10 reasonable measures to prevent the artificial intelligence companion
11 from generating statements that would lead a reasonable person to
12 believe that the person is interacting with another natural person,
13 including statements that:

14 “(A) Explicitly claim that the artificial intelligence companion is
15 sentient or human;

16 “(B) Simulate emotional dependence on the user;

17 “(C) Simulate romantic interest or are sexual innuendo; or

18 “(D) Role-play romantic relationships between adults and minors.

19 “(b) In the circumstances described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
20 section, the operator shall cause the artificial intelligence companion
21 to:

22 “(A) Disclose to the user that the user is interacting with arti-
23 ficially generated output;

24 “(B) Provide a clear and conspicuous reminder at a minimum of
25 every three hours of interaction that the user should take a break
26 from interactions with the artificial intelligence companion or artifi-
27 cial intelligence companion platform, along with a further reminder
28 that the user is interacting with artificially generated output; and

29 “(C) Use reasonable measures to ensure that the artificial intelli-
30 gence companion or artificial intelligence companion platform does

1 not produce visual representations of sexually explicit conduct or
2 suggest or state that the minor should engage in sexually explicit
3 conduct.

4 “(c) In the circumstances described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
5 section, an operator must undertake reasonable measures to prevent
6 an artificial intelligence companion from:

7 “(A) Delivering to a user, either on a variable schedule or other-
8 wise, a system of rewards or affirmations with the purpose of rein-
9 forcing behavior or maximizing the time during which the user
10 engages with the artificial intelligence companion;

11 “(B) Generating in response to a user’s indication of a desire to end
12 a conversation, reduce engagement time or delete the user’s account
13 unsolicited messages of simulated emotional distress, loneliness or
14 abandonment or otherwise attempt to arouse guilt or sympathy in the
15 user; or

16 “(C) Making a material misrepresentation about the artificial in-
17 telligence companion’s identity, capabilities or training data or about
18 whether the user is interacting with artificially generated output, in-
19 cluding when the user directly questions the artificial intelligence
20 companion about any of these topics.

21 “(5)(a) Not later than December 31 of each year, an operator shall
22 post on a publicly accessible website a report that discloses:

23 “(A) The number of times during the calendar year preceding the
24 report in which the operator provided a referral under subsection (3)
25 of this section; and

26 “(B) The details of the operator’s protocol under subsection (3) of
27 this section.

28 “(b) An operator may not include in the report described in para-
29 graph (a) of this subsection any personal information that identifies
30 an individual.”.

