

Youth AI Privacy Act

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The *Youth AI Privacy Act* seeks to address the risks artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots pose to minors. Today, over half of young people use AI chatbots multiple times a month. Although researchers are just beginning to understand the dangers these AI chatbots pose to minors, a growing body of evidence, along with a few notable tragic stories, indicates that these chatbots pose a range of risks to children and teens, including encouraging suicidal ideation and physical violence and causing extreme emotional attachment. Given these risks and the explosive growth in AI chatbot usage, Congress must pass guardrails to protect our young people.

The *Youth AI Privacy Act* does that by establishing new requirements on AI chatbot design features and requiring AI companies to implement critical privacy safeguards. These restrictions are intended to prohibit Big Tech's deliberate design choices that maximize teen and child compulsive use while also changing Big Tech's core financial incentives to train their chatbots in a manner that promotes extreme emotional attachment.

In particular, the *Youth AI Privacy Act* would establish, with regards to minors, the following:

1. Safe Design Features

- **Disclosure Requirements:** AI chatbots must provide clear, repeated notices to minors that the AI chatbot is not a human.
- **Memory Restrictions:** AI chatbots may only use recently collected data in personalizing responses to a minor. AI chatbots may not use any other data in delivering a response to the minor.
- **Addictive Features Limitations:** AI chatbots cannot include any features that encourage minors' usage of or time spent on the AI chatbot, such as push alerts.

2. Privacy Safeguards

- **Advertising Ban:** AI chatbots cannot display advertisements to minors.
- **Prohibition on Training Models on Minors' Personal Data:** AI chatbot companies cannot use minors' personal data to train an AI chatbot.
- **Profiling:** AI chatbots cannot use minors' personal data to profile a user.
- **Prohibition on Repurposing Minors' Inputs:** Companies cannot use minors' AI chatbot inputs for any reason except to provide an output to the minor or to address safety issues in the AI chatbot.

3. Enforcement: The Federal Trade Commission, state attorneys general, and private plaintiffs are authorized to enforce the legislation.