

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 5225

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include certain curriculum expenses as permissible uses of funds, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2026

Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include certain curriculum expenses as permissible uses of funds, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “K–12 AI Literacy and
5 Readiness Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING FUNDS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** 7 **CURRICULA.**

8 (a) STATE ALLOWABLE USES FOR STUDENT IN-
9 STRUCTION.—Section 4104(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Elementary

1 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 7114(b)(3)(A)(i)) is amended—

3 (1) in subclause (VI), by striking “or” after the
4 semicolon;

5 (2) by redesignating subclause (VII) as sub-
6 clause (VIII); and

7 (3) by inserting after subclause (VI) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(VII) the use of artificial intel-
10 ligence (as defined in section 5002 of
11 the National Artificial Intelligence Ini-
12 tiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401))
13 in a manner that is safe, effective,
14 and responsible; or”.

15 (b) STATE ALLOWABLE USES FOR TEACHERS AND
16 SCHOOL LEADERS.—Section 4104(b)(3)(C) of the Ele-
17 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
18 7114(b)(3)(C)) is amended—

19 (1) in clause (v), by striking “and” after the
20 semicolon;

21 (2) in clause (vi), by striking the period at the
22 end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(vii) providing teachers, paraprofes-
25 sionals, school librarians and media per-

1 sonnel, specialized instructional support
 2 personnel, and administrators with the
 3 knowledge and skills to use, and teach the
 4 use of, artificial intelligence (as defined in
 5 section 5002 of the National Artificial In-
 6 telligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C.
 7 9401)) safely, effectively, and responsibly,
 8 including through professional develop-
 9 ment.”.

10 (c) LOCAL ALLOWABLE USES FOR STUDENT IN-
 11 STRUCTION.—Section 4107(a)(3) of the Elementary and
 12 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7117(a)(3))
 13 is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “or” after
 15 the semicolon;

16 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as sub-
 17 paragraph (K); and

18 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(J) instruction on the use of artificial in-
 21 telligence (as defined in section 5002 of the Na-
 22 tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of
 23 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401)) in a manner that is
 24 safe, effective, and responsible; or”.

1 (d) LOCAL ALLOWABLE USES FOR TEACHERS AND
2 SCHOOL LEADERS.—Section 4109(a) of the Elementary
3 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 7119(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(7) providing teachers, paraprofessionals,
11 school librarians and media personnel, specialized in-
12 structional support personnel, and administrators
13 with the knowledge and skills to use, and teach the
14 use of, artificial intelligence (as defined in section
15 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative
16 Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401)) safely, effectively,
17 and responsibly, including through professional de-
18 velopment.”.

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