

By Senator Grall

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the use of artificial intelligence
in psychological, clinical, counseling, and therapy
services; creating ss. 490.016 and 491.019, F.S.;
defining the term "artificial intelligence";
prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence in the
practice of psychology, clinical social work, marriage
and family therapy, and mental health counseling;
providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 490.016, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

490.016 Use of artificial intelligence.-

(1) As used in this section, the term "artificial
intelligence" means any machine-based system that varies in
level of autonomy and that, for any explicit or implicit
objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to
generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
decisions, predictions, or recommendations that can influence
physical or virtual environments.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
licensee may not use artificial intelligence in the practice of
psychology or school psychology. A licensee may use artificial
intelligence to:

(a) Assist in administrative or supplementary support
services. Administrative and supplementary support services
include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

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30 1. Managing appointment scheduling and reminders.

31 2. Drafting general communications related to therapy
32 logistics that do not involve therapeutic advice.

33 3. Processing billing and insurance claims.

34 4. Preparing and managing patient records.

35 5. Analyzing data for operational purposes.

36 (b) Record or transcribe a counseling or therapy session if
37 a licensee obtains written, informed consent at least 24 hours
38 before the provision of services.

39 Section 2. Section 491.019, Florida Statutes, is created to
40 read:

41 491.019 Use of artificial intelligence.—

42 (1) As used in this section, the term "artificial
43 intelligence" means any machine-based system that varies in
44 level of autonomy and that, for any explicit or implicit
45 objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to
46 generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,
47 decisions, predictions, or recommendations that can influence
48 physical or virtual environments.

49 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
50 licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder may not use
51 artificial intelligence in the practice of clinical social work,
52 marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling. A
53 licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder may use
54 artificial intelligence to:

55 (a) Assist in administrative or supplementary support
56 services. Administrative and supplementary support services
57 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

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64 (b) Record or transcribe a counseling or therapy session if
65 a licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder obtains
66 written, informed consent at least 24 hours before the provision
67 of services.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.