

# AI Policy Brief

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CRITICAL DEADLINES

EU Article 50 signatory deadline

July 22 — 32 days

Connecticut CART Act — employment AI  
October 1 — 103 days

US — State

## State session wave: Arizona, Vermont, Rhode Island sign AI bills

| DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | IMPLICATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Arizona adjourned its 2026 session passing three AI bills: chatbot safety, deepfake protections, and a mandate for state agencies to identify AI opportunities to reduce administrative burdens. Vermont Gov. Phil Scott signed H.816 banning AI from diagnosing mental health conditions or creating treatment plans — therapists relying on AI for those decisions face unlicensed practice charges. Rhode Island passed a therapy chatbot ban and two additional AI bills. California's 30 remaining AI bills crossed to second-chamber committees with a July 2 recess deadline. | The therapy chatbot prohibition pattern — now enacted in Vermont, Missouri, Georgia, and others — is becoming a multi-state standard for healthcare AI. Any product marketed as a mental health tool, or that blurs the wellness/clinical line, carries exposure in an expanding list of jurisdictions. | Audit AI products for healthcare or mental health adjacency. If your product could be construed as a therapy or diagnostic tool — even informally — review against Vermont H.816, Georgia SB 444, and analogous state laws. Ensure marketing language does not suggest clinical capability. |

US — State

## California: 30 AI bills in second-chamber review — Newsom signing window opens August

| DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | IMPLICATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| California's 30 active AI bills — covering employment AI disclosure (AB 1898), healthcare AI (AB 1979), chatbot safety (AB 1988 PAUSE Act), and children's chatbot safety (AB 2023, SB 1119) — have all crossed to second-chamber committees. The legislature recesses July 2 and returns August 3. Gov. Newsom's signing decisions, expected by mid-September, will determine the most significant expansion of US state AI law since Connecticut's CART Act. | California remains the single highest-stakes signing decision in the US AI policy calendar. Thirty bills affecting employment, healthcare, chatbots, and children's safety are simultaneously in play. Any business with California operations or California-resident users should treat the August 3 return date as the beginning of a 30-day final sprint to Newsom's desk. | Map your California AI bill exposure now. Identify which of the 30 active bills — employment AI, healthcare AI, chatbot safety, children's protections — could trigger compliance obligations. Build a Newsom-watch protocol with legal counsel so you can respond within days of any signing. |

EU

## EU Article 50 signatory deadline: July 22 — 32 days to compliance presumption

| DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | IMPLICATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| The EU Code of Practice on AI-Generated Content (published June 10) sets July 22 as the signatory deadline for initial listing before Article 50 enforcement begins August 2. The Code requires: digitally signed metadata identifying AI-generated content, imperceptible watermarking, and optional fingerprinting. Signatories gain a compliance presumption; non-signatories face enforcement exposure from day one. The Commission and AI Board are assessing the Code's adequacy. | July 22 is 32 days away. Any company placing generative AI systems or AI-generated content in the EU market — text, image, video, or audio — must either sign by July 22 to gain the compliance presumption or face enforcement exposure without it when Article 50 activates August 2. | Download the EU AI Office signature form now. Secure senior executive sign-off and submit by July 22, 18:00 CEST. Simultaneously, begin technical implementation of multi-layered watermarking (signed metadata + imperceptible watermarking) for all generative AI outputs placed in the EU market. |

US — Federal

## DOW signs AI agreements with eight providers — Anthropic excluded on supply chain grounds

| DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | IMPLICATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| The Department of War (DOW) signed agreements with OpenAI, Oracle, AWS, SpaceX, Google, NVIDIA, Reflection, and Microsoft to bring frontier AI capabilities to DOW classified networks. The agreements reflect the June 5 NSPM's Adoption pillar in practice. The DOD recently labeled Anthropic a supply chain risk ahead of Mythos — signaling that the federal government is actively differentiating between AI vendors on national security grounds, even as it expands AI adoption broadly. | The DOW's vendor selection — including or excluding specific AI providers on national security grounds — sets a precedent for federal procurement differentiation. Companies whose AI stack includes providers not on the approved list, or that are themselves seeking federal contracts, face new vetting exposure. Anthropic's exclusion signals that the supply chain risk designation has real consequences. | Assess your AI vendor stack against DOW and NSPM assurance expectations if you hold or pursue federal contracts. If your products incorporate AI from providers under national security scrutiny, engage legal counsel on supply chain risk documentation. Federal contractors should review NSPM Adoption and Assurance pillars against existing procurement vehicles. |

### WEEK IN CONTEXT The pattern this week

State legislatures are racing to the finish line before summer recess. Arizona, Vermont, and Rhode Island all enacted AI laws this week. Thirty California bills are in motion. The common threads: therapy chatbot prohibitions, employment AI disclosure, and children's protections. Federal action is slower but structurally more significant — the DOW's vendor differentiation signals that national security is now an active filter in AI procurement.

### The immediate priority

The EU Article 50 signatory deadline of July 22 is the single most time-sensitive obligation in play for any business with EU market exposure. It requires executive sign-off, technical implementation of multi-layered watermarking, and form submission. Thirty-two days is not a generous window. It should be the top of the compliance queue this week.

### What to watch next

California Governor Newsom's AI signing decisions — expected mid-September after the legislature returns August 3 — will be the most consequential single event in US state AI policy this year. Thirty bills across employment, healthcare, chatbots, and children's safety are simultaneously in play. The signing window will open and close quickly. Preparation begins now.