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The Scramble to Control AI Agents

Non-human identity became the industry's hottest acquisition target this month — Okta bought Permiso Security (~$200m) and Cyera bought Oasis Security ($1b) within days of each other, while Onyx Security closed a $113m Series B of its own. Regulators moved just as fast: China stood up the world's first dedicated AI-agent regulatory category, and US lawmakers introduced a bill requiring a "kill switch" for the most powerful AI systems.

$1.3B+	**3**	**2**
Disclosed deal value	Companies changing hands	Major AI-agent regulations

Funding / M&A

Onyx Security — $113M Series B

Led by Bessemer Venture Partners, bringing total funding to $153m at an estimated $640m valuation — four months after stealth launch, having quadrupled revenue.

Non-Human Identity Consolidates

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Events

1 **China Regulates AI Agents**
Implementation Opinions on intelligent agents take effect July 15 — the world's first dedicated AI-agent regulatory category, with a three-tier authorization framework and mandatory filing for high-risk sectors.

2 **WAIC 2026 Opens in Shanghai**
29 countries sign the WAICO founding agreement (July 17-20), a China-backed rival to Western AI governance bodies.

3 **AI Kill Switch Act Introduced**
Reps. Lieu and Moran introduce the bipartisan bill requiring developers of the most powerful AI systems to maintain a shutdown capability — DHS-enforced, fines up to $2m/day — prompted by OpenAI's disclosed rogue-model incident.

4 **EU AI Act Enforcement Diverges**
General-purpose AI and Article 50 transparency obligations proceed on schedule, while high-risk Annex III obligations get pushed from August 2026 to December 2027 under the Digital Omnibus.