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 1                      A bill to be entitled
 2          An act relating to computer coding instruction;
 3          amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.; requiring high schools to
 4          offer computer coding courses; requiring the
 5          Commissioner of Education to identify the computer
 6          coding courses that satisfy two credits of foreign
 7          language instruction under certain circumstances;
 8          requiring Florida College System institutions and
 9          state universities to recognize the credits as foreign
10          language credits; requiring the inclusion of certain
11          computer coding courses in the Course Code Directory;
12          requiring each district school board to submit a plan
13          for a computer coding curriculum to the commissioner
14          and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an
15          effective date.
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17   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19          Section 1.  Subsection (4) of section 1007.2616, Florida
20   Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection
21   (4) is added to that section to read:
22          1007.2616  Computer science and technology instruction.—
23          (4)  High schools must provide students opportunities to
24   take computer coding courses of sufficient rigor, as identified
25   by the commissioner, such that two credits in such courses and
26   the earning of a related industry certification satisfies two
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27 | credits of sequential foreign language instruction. Florida
28 | College System institutions and state universities must
29 | recognize the credits as foreign language credits. Computer
30 | coding courses identified by the commissioner and computer
31 | coding courses taken to earn the related industry certification
32 | shall be included in the Course Code Directory.
33 | Section 2. Each district school board shall develop a plan
34 | for a computer coding curriculum and must submit its plan to the
35 | Commissioner of Education, the President of the Senate, and the
36 | Speaker of the House of Representatives by June 1, 2017.
37 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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