

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

---

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Education Postsecondary

---

[2026h01503.hms.ed]

BILL: CS/CS/HB 1503 (CS/SB 1694)

INTRODUCER: Education & Employment Committee; Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; and Rep. Giallombardo (Education Postsecondary Committee and Senator Avila)

SUBJECT: Computer Science Education and Certification

DATE: March 12, 2026

---

**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 898007 to Senate Amendment – 593280 (body with title)**

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 898007** maintains from the Senate amendment provisions encouraging high school computer science courses that include artificial intelligence (AI) to provide students with a foundational understanding of AI and its responsible and ethical use, and adds to the amendment a requirement that high school students must be provided opportunities to take computer science courses that include instruction on AI. The amendment also:

- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish or maintain, as appropriate, subject area coverages in computer science grades K-5, 6-12, and K-12.
- Requires the DOE to present recommended competencies and skills for the grades K-5 and grades 6-12 coverages to the State Board of Education (SBE) for approval by September 1, 2027.
- Requires the DOE to coordinate development, piloting, and standard-setting for the examination for the administration beginning no later than January 2, 2029.
- Requires the SBE to adopt competencies and skills and designate corresponding examinations by rule.