

CS/HB 1503

2026

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to technology education; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; providing requirements for general education core courses with a technology component; amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.; requiring high school computer science courses to include instruction on artificial intelligence; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (e) through (h) of subsection (3) of section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (f) through (i), respectively, and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:

1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; other degree requirements.—

(3) The chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Board of Governors, or their designees, shall jointly appoint faculty committees to review and recommend to the Articulation Coordinating Committee for approval by the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors statewide general education core course options for inclusion in the statewide course numbering system established under s. 1007.24. Faculty committees shall, by July 1, 2024, and by July 1 every 4 years thereafter, review and submit recommendations to the

26 Articulation Coordinating Committee and the commissioner for the
27 removal, alignment, realignment, or addition of general
28 education core courses that satisfy the requirements of this
29 subsection.

30 (e) General education core courses that integrate the use
31 of technology must provide students with opportunities to
32 improve digital literacy and competency, instruction on the
33 application of artificial intelligence tools to the course, and
34 related instruction on software engineering, computer networks,
35 database systems, and cyber security, as applicable to the
36 course.

37 **Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1007.2616, Florida**
38 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

39 1007.2616 Computer science and technology instruction.—
40 (6) High school students must be provided opportunities to
41 take computer science courses that include instruction on
42 artificial intelligence and earn technology-related industry
43 certifications to satisfy high school graduation requirements as
44 provided in s. 1003.4282(3). Computer science courses and
45 technology-related industry certifications that are identified
46 as eligible for meeting mathematics or science requirements for
47 high school graduation must be included in the Course Code
48 Directory.

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