

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to computer science education and
 3 certification; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; providing
 4 requirements for general education core courses with a
 5 technology component; amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.;
 6 requiring high school computer science courses to
 7 include instruction on artificial intelligence;
 8 requiring the State Board of Education to establish
 9 separate computer science subject area coverages for
 10 specified grades and to continue the comprehensive K-
 11 12 coverage; requiring the Department of Education to
 12 present recommended competencies for certain subject
 13 area coverages to the state board by a specified date;
 14 requiring the department to coordinate examinations
 15 for such subject area coverages by a specified date;
 16 providing an effective date.

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

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

24 1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;
 25 other degree requirements.—

26 (3) The chair of the State Board of Education and the
27 chair of the Board of Governors, or their designees, shall
28 jointly appoint faculty committees to review and recommend to
29 the Articulation Coordinating Committee for approval by the
30 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors statewide
31 general education core course options for inclusion in the
32 statewide course numbering system established under s. 1007.24.
33 Faculty committees shall, by July 1, 2024, and by July 1 every 4
34 years thereafter, review and submit recommendations to the
35 Articulation Coordinating Committee and the commissioner for the
36 removal, alignment, realignment, or addition of general
37 education core courses that satisfy the requirements of this
38 subsection.

39 (e) General education core courses that integrate the use
40 of technology must provide students with opportunities to
41 improve digital literacy and competency, instruction on the
42 application of artificial intelligence tools to the course, and
43 related instruction on robotics, software engineering, computer
44 networks, database systems, and cyber security, as applicable to
45 the course.

46 **Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 1007.2616, Florida**
47 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), subsection (6) is**
48 **amended, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to**
49 **read:**

50 1007.2616 Computer science and technology instruction.—

51 (6) High school students must be provided opportunities to
52 take computer science courses that include instruction on
53 artificial intelligence and earn technology-related industry
54 certifications to satisfy high school graduation requirements as
55 provided in s. 1003.4282(3). Computer science courses and
56 technology-related industry certifications that are identified
57 as eligible for meeting mathematics or science requirements for
58 high school graduation must be included in the Course Code
59 Directory.

60 (8)(a) To align educator credentials with instructional
61 practice across grade levels, the State Board of Education shall
62 establish by rule or maintain, as appropriate, the following
63 computer science subject area coverages:

- 64 1. Computer science (grades K-5).
- 65 2. Computer science (grades 6-12).
- 66 3. Computer science (K-12).

67 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt competencies
68 and skills and designate corresponding examinations by rule for
69 the subject area coverages listed in paragraph (a). The
70 comprehensive computer science (K-12) coverage and its
71 examination shall remain available unless amended by rule of the
72 state board.

73 (c)1. The Department of Education shall present
74 recommended competencies and skills for the computer science
75 (grades K-5) and computer science (grades 6-12) subject area

76 | coverages to the State Board of Education for approval by
77 | September 1, 2026.

78 | 2. Following approval by the State Board of Education
79 | under subparagraph 1., the department shall coordinate the
80 | development, piloting, and standard-setting for the examinations
81 | for such subject area coverages. The examinations for both
82 | grade-band coverages must be available for administration no
83 | later than January 1, 2028.

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