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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to technology education; amending s.
1007.25, F.S.; revising general education core course
standards for public postsecondary educational
institutions to include technology courses; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
1007.25, Florida Statutes, is amended 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
Articulation Coordinating Committee and the commissioner for the
removal, alignment, realignment, or addition of general
education core courses that satisfy the requirements of this
subsection.

(d) General education core courses must meet the following
standards:

1. Communication courses must afford students the ability

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30 to communicate effectively, including the ability to write
31 clearly and engage in public speaking.

32 2. Humanities courses must afford students the ability to
33 think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned
34 with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music,
35 and philosophy, and must include selections from the Western
36 canon.

37 3. Social science courses must afford students an
38 understanding of the basic social and behavioral science
39 concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and
40 past and present social, political, and economic issues.

41 4. Natural science courses must afford students the ability
42 to critically examine and evaluate the principles of the
43 scientific method, model construction, and use the scientific
44 method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.

45 5. Mathematics courses must afford students a mastery of
46 foundational mathematical and computation models and methods by
47 applying such models and methods in problem solving.

48 6. Technology courses must afford students an understanding
49 of computer science through artificial intelligence applications
50 and the mastering of subjects concerned with robotics, software
51 engineering, computer networks, database systems, and cyber
52 security.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.