

By the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senator Avila

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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. Present 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 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.

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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 cybersecurity, 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 and earn technology-related
42 industry certifications to satisfy high school graduation
43 requirements as provided in s. 1003.4282(3). Computer science
44 courses and technology-related industry certifications that are
45 identified as eligible for meeting mathematics or science
46 requirements for high school graduation must be included in the
47 Course Code Directory. Computer science courses that include
48 instruction in artificial intelligence should provide students
49 with a foundational understanding of artificial intelligence to
50 critically evaluate how artificial intelligence systems use data
51 to present information; recognize the benefits, limitations, and
52 potential risks of artificial intelligence; and apply ethical
53 reasoning to the responsible use of artificial intelligence in
54 academic and personal contexts.

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