

HB 1576 -- COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE REQUIREMENT

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This bill adds "cybersecurity, social media training, and artificial intelligence" to the current definition of "computer science course".

The bill requires that beginning in the 2026-27 school year the State Board of Education must adopt and implement academic performance standards for a computer science course and that students complete 1/2 unit of academic credit for such course while in high school before the student can graduate.

Currently, students can substitute one computer science course for a math, science, or practical arts graduation requirement. The bill requires that the new 1/2 unit of computer science requirement be completed prior to a substitution.