

HB 3139 -- 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 2027-28 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.

This bill is similar to HB 1576 (2025).