

HOUSE BILL 820

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By: **Delegate Rose**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – ~~Computer Science~~ Specialty Courses – Reporting**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, beginning in a certain school
5 year, to submit a certain report on or before a certain date each year to the State
6 Board of Education and the General Assembly on ~~computer science~~ specialty courses
7 offered in public schools in the county in the prior school year; requiring each county
8 board to include certain information in the report; establishing a method of reporting
9 to protect the identity of a certain student or group of students; requiring each county
10 board to publish a certain report for the prior school year on its website; defining a
11 certain term; and generally relating to reporting requirements for ~~computer science~~
12 specialty course information.

13 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
14 ~~Article – Education~~
15 ~~Section 4–111.4~~
16 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
17 ~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)~~

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 4–111.5
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

~~4-111.4.~~

~~(a) Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each county board shall require each public high school in the county to offer at least one computer science course.~~

~~(b) The computer science course shall be of high quality and meet or exceed the curriculum standards and requirements established by the State Board.~~

~~(c) The county board shall make efforts to:~~

~~(1) Incorporate instruction in computer science in each public elementary and middle school in the county; and~~

~~(2) Increase the enrollment in middle and high school computer science courses of:~~

~~(i) Female students;~~

~~(ii) Students with disabilities; and~~

~~(iii) Students of ethnic, racial, and other demographic groups that are underrepresented in the field of computer science as identified by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.~~

~~4-111.5.~~

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SPECIALTY COURSE” MEANS A HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERED IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT:

(1) IS NOT OFFERED IN EVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY;

(2) MAY NOT BE COUNTED TOWARD GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH, FINE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, SCIENCE, OR SOCIAL STUDIES; AND

(3) IS NOT A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE THAT LEADS TO AN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED OCCUPATIONAL-CREDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-205.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 EACH YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AND, IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY A REPORT FOR THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR THAT INCLUDES:

3 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ~~COMPUTER SCIENCE~~ SPECIALTY
4 COURSES OFFERED IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE
5 SUBSTANCE OF EACH COURSE AND WHETHER EACH COURSE IS AN ADVANCED
6 PLACEMENT COURSE;

7 (2) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE
8 ENROLLED IN EACH ~~COMPUTER SCIENCE~~ SPECIALTY COURSE, DISAGGREGATED BY:

9 (I) GRADE LEVEL;

10 (II) GENDER;

11 (III) RACE;

12 (IV) ETHNICITY;

13 (V) SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUS;

14 (VI) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STATUS; AND

15 (VII) ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR AN
16 EQUIVALENT MEASURE OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS; AND

17 (3) THE NUMBER OF ~~COMPUTER SCIENCE~~ SPECIALTY COURSE
18 INSTRUCTORS AT EACH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY, DISAGGREGATED BY:

19 (I) WHETHER THE INSTRUCTOR HOLDS A CERTIFICATION IN
20 ~~COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTION~~ THE SPECIALTY AREA;

21 (II) GENDER; AND

22 (III) TERMINAL DEGREE HELD BY THE INSTRUCTOR.

23 ~~(B)~~ (C) IF ANY NUMERICAL VALUE REPORTED FROM THE LIST IN
24 SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION IS SMALL ENOUGH THAT A PERSON MAY
25 DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE STUDENT OR GROUP OF STUDENTS, THE COUNTY
26 BOARD SHALL REPLACE THAT VALUE WITH A SYMBOL TO BE DETERMINED BY THE
27 COUNTY BOARD.

1 ~~(C)~~ (D) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B)
2 OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL POST CONSPICUOUSLY ON ITS
3 WEBSITE THE DATA REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION FOR THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.