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HOUSE BILL 78
Committee Substitute Favorable 2/23/21

Short Title: Report on K-12 Computer Science Data.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 16, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING ON PARTICIPATION ON COMPUTER
3 SCIENCE COURSES AND COURSE OF STUDY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(47) Computer Science Reporting. – The State Board of Education shall report
7 annually by November 15 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
8 Committee on the following data related to computer science participation.
9 For each item, the report shall include (i) statewide data for the current school
10 year, and the four years prior when data is available, to establish trends in
11 computer science instruction and (ii) data for the current school year for each
12 public school unit, disaggregated by school within that unit:

- 13 a. The number of teachers employed to teach computational thinking and
14 computer science.
15 b. The statewide courses and local elective courses offered in computer
16 science and computational thinking, and the number of students
17 enrolled in each of those courses. For public school units, the report
18 shall indicate when courses are offered on a semester basis.
19 c. The number of students enrolled in computer science and
20 computational thinking courses by grade level.
21 d. For sub-subdivisions b. and c. of this subdivision, the report shall also
22 include information on enrollment numbers by the following
23 subgroups:
24 1. Economically disadvantaged students.
25 2. Students from major racial and ethnic groups.
26 3. Students by gender.
27 4. Children with disabilities.
28 5. English learners."

29 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

30 "(65) Computer Science Reporting. – A local board of education shall annually
31 report the information required by G.S. 115C-12(47) to the State Board of
32 Education no later than September 15."

33 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-75.9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

34 "(o) Computer Science Reporting. – An innovative school shall annually report the
35 information required by G.S. 115C-12(47) to the State Board of Education no later than
36 September 15."



1 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
2 "(i) A charter school shall annually report the information required by G.S. 115C-12(47)
3 to the State Board of Education no later than September 15."

4 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
5 "(17) Computer science reporting. – A regional school shall annually report the
6 information required by G.S. 115C-12(47) to the State Board of Education no
7 later than September 15."

8 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
9 "(19) Computer science reporting. – A laboratory school shall annually report the
10 information required by G.S. 115C-12(47) to the State Board of Education no
11 later than September 15."

12 **SECTION 2.(f)** Section 6(d) of S.L. 2018-32 is amended by adding a new
13 subdivision to read:

14 "(1a) G.S. 115C-12(47). – A renewal school system shall annually report the
15 information required by G.S. 115C-12(47) to the State Board of Education no
16 later than September 15."

17 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.