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HOUSE BILL 78

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

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Clemmons, Elmore, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 16, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING ON PARTICIPATION ON COMPUTER
SCIENCE COURSES AND COURSE OF STUDY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(47) Computer Science Reporting. – The State Board of Education shall report annually by September 15 on the following data related to computer science participation. For each item, the report shall include (i) statewide data for the most recent year available, and the four years of data prior, when available, to establish trends in computer science instruction and (ii) data for each local school administrative unit and charter school, when available:

- a. The number of teachers employed to teach computational thinking and computer science.
- b. The statewide and elective courses offered in computer science and computational thinking, and the number of students enrolled in each course statewide.
- c. The number of students enrolled in computer science and computational thinking courses by grade level.
- d. For sub-subdivisions b. and c. of this subdivision, the report shall also include information on enrollment numbers by the following subgroups:
 1. Economically disadvantaged students.
 2. Students from major racial and ethnic groups.
 3. Students by gender.
 4. Children with disabilities.
 5. English learners."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

