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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM AND ACCESS TO ADVANCED
PLACEMENT COURSES

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 16-98-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-98 entitled "Access to

2   Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island

3   Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4   **16-98-7. Availability of advanced placement courses.**

5   (a) Any school district offering advanced placement courses to students shall notify

6   parents of their availability and the guidelines the school district uses in determining which

7   students may be eligible to enroll in an advanced placement course.

8   (b) Any school district offering advanced placement courses to students shall publish on

9   the school district's website the names of the advanced placement courses being offered to

10   students and the guidelines the school district uses in determining which students may be eligible

11   to enroll in an advanced placement course.

12   (c) All school districts shall permit an advanced placement course in computer science to

13   satisfy a course requirement in mathematics provided that:

14   (1) The student has successfully completed algebra I, and algebra II; and

15   (2) The advanced placement course is the College Board's advanced placement computer

16   science principles, computer science A, or the equivalent.

17   SECTION 2. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16

18   Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto

1 the following section:

2 **16-22-30. Computer science graduation requirement.**

3 Commencing with the graduating class of 2021 and continuing thereafter, all high school

4 students attending public schools, or any other schools managed and controlled by the state, shall

5 demonstrate proficiency, as defined by the local educational agency, in one course in computer

6 science education.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would require all high school students graduating in 2021 and thereafter,

2   attending public or any schools managed and controlled by the state, to demonstrate proficiency

3   in one course in computer science education. It would also require local school districts to allow

4   certain advanced placement courses in computer science to satisfy a high school mathematics

5   requirement.

6   This act would take effect upon passage.