

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2668

By Delegates Statler and Ellington

[Introduced February 20, 2025; referred to the
Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-2-12a, relating to creating a computer science credit requirement for
 3 public high school students.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-12a. Required course of computer science instruction.

1 (a) Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of 2025-2026, a public high school
 2 student shall be required to earn one unit of credit in a West Virginia Department of Education-
 3 approved high school computer science course before the student graduates. This computer
 4 science requirement does not increase the number of required credits for graduation. Each credit
 5 earned for a department approved computer science course shall meet the West Virginia Board of
 6 Education's graduation requirements for a computer science unit and one of the following West
 7 Virginia High School Graduation Requirements:

8 (1) One credit in Mathematics (excluding Math 1, Algebra I, Math II, and Geometry
 9 requirements);

10 (2) One credit in Science (excluding Biology and one physical science requirements);

11 (3) One credit in Career and Technical Education (CTE); or

12 (4) One credit in Electives (excluding personal finance requirements).

13 (b) A student earning more than one credit for a department approved computer science
 14 course may use multiple credits to offset other graduation requirements; each of those multiple
 15 computer science credits may be used to meet one of these four requirements (Mathematics,
 16 Science, CTE, or Electives).

17 (c) A student may satisfy the requirement for a computer science course provided in this
 18 section, and any requirement for a course in personal finance as otherwise provided by this article,
 19 beginning in the eighth grade year: *Provided*, That the student shall obtain all other necessary
 20 credits required for graduation beginning in the ninth grade year: *Provided further*, That the

- 21 computer science course, if taken in eighth grade, shall not count towards any of the four
22 requirements beginning in ninth grade (Mathematics, Science, CTE, or Electives).

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require a course in computer science instruction for public high school students.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.