

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 1112

Introduced by McKinney, 11, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Computer Science and Technology Education Act.

5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that it is the policy of
6 this state to promote computer science and technology education in each
7 school district in order to (1) provide students the skills and
8 competencies to compete in a twenty-first-century workforce, (2) develop
9 skills that translate to high-skill, high-wage jobs, and (3) encourage
10 the creation and retention of new, high-paying jobs in Nebraska.

11 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Computer Science and Technology
12 Education Act, computer science and technology education includes, but is
13 not limited to, knowledge and skills regarding computer literacy,
14 educational technology, digital citizenship, information technology, and
15 computer science.

16 Sec. 4. Beginning with school year 2024-25, each school district,
17 in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall include
18 computer science and technology education in the instructional program of
19 its elementary and middle schools, as appropriate, and beginning in
20 school year 2026-27, require each student attending a public school to
21 complete at least one five-credit high school course or the equivalent of
22 a one-semester high school course in computer science and technology
23 prior to graduation. Such computer science and technology education
24 course offered by a school district may be made available in a
25 traditional classroom setting, a blended-learning environment, or an
26 online-based or other technology-based format that is tailored to meet
27 the need of each participating student.

1 Sec. 5. On or before December 1, 2025, and on or before December 1
2 of each year thereafter, in order to promote and support computer science
3 and technology education, each school district shall provide an annual
4 computer science and technology education status report to its school
5 board and the State Department of Education, including, but not limited
6 to, student progress in computer science and technology courses and other
7 district-determined measures of computer science and technology education
8 progress from the previous school year.

9 Sec. 6. Section 79-729, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
10 amended to read:

11 79-729 The Legislature recognizes the importance of assuring that
12 all persons who graduate from Nebraska high schools possess certain
13 minimum levels of knowledge, skills, and understanding. Each high school
14 student shall complete a minimum of two hundred high school credit hours
15 prior to graduation. At least eighty percent of the minimum credit hours
16 shall be core curriculum courses prescribed by the State Board of
17 Education. For students attending a public school, beginning ~~Beginning~~ in
18 school year 2023-24, at least five of the minimum credit hours shall be a
19 high school course in personal finance or financial literacy, and
20 beginning in school year 2026-27, at least five of the minimum credit
21 hours shall be a high school course or the equivalent of a one-semester
22 high school course in computer science and technology. The State Board of
23 Education may establish recommended statewide graduation guidelines. This
24 section does not apply to high school students whose individualized
25 education programs prescribe a different course of instruction. This
26 section does not prohibit the governing board of any high school from
27 prescribing specific graduation guidelines as long as such guidelines do
28 not conflict with this section. For purposes of this section, high school
29 means grades nine through twelve and credit hour shall be defined by
30 appropriate rules and regulations of the State Board of Education but
31 shall not be less than the amount of credit given for successful

1 completion of a course which meets at least one period per week for at
2 least one semester.

3 Sec. 7. Section 79-760.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
4 amended to read:

5 79-760.01 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt measurable
6 academic content standards for at least the grade levels required for
7 statewide assessment pursuant to section 79-760.03. The standards shall
8 cover the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and
9 social studies.

10 (2) The board shall also adopt measurable academic content standards
11 for financial literacy as part of the social studies standards. The board
12 shall also adopt measurable academic content standards for computer
13 science and technology education under the mathematics, science, or
14 career and technical education standards.

15 (3) Academic content standards adopted or recommended pursuant to
16 this section shall be sufficiently clear and measurable to be used for
17 testing student performance with respect to mastery of the content
18 described in the state standards.

19 (4) The State Board of Education shall develop a plan to review and
20 update standards for each subject area every seven years. The state board
21 plan shall include a review of commonly accepted standards adopted by
22 school districts.

23 Sec. 8. Section 79-3003, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
24 amended to read:

25 79-3003 Beginning with school year 2023-24, each school district, in
26 consultation with the State Department of Education, shall include
27 financial literacy instruction, as appropriate, in the instructional
28 program of its elementary and middle schools and require each student
29 attending a public school to complete at least one five-credit high
30 school course in personal finance or financial literacy prior to
31 graduation.

1 Sec. 9. Original sections 79-729, 79-760.01, and 79-3003, Revised
2 Statutes Supplement, 2021, are repealed.

3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "and" in line 1 through line 5
4 and insert ", 79-760.01, and 79-3003, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021;
5 to adopt the Computer Science and Technology Education Act; to provide
6 and change graduation requirements; to change duties relating to academic
7 content standards; and to repeal the original sections."