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HOUSE BILL DRH10417-MV-151

Short Title: Math or Science Credit for Computer Science. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Horn, Saine, and Hardister (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE TO FULFILL ONE UNIT OF  
3 CREDIT IN MATH OR SCIENCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-12(9d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(9d) Power to Develop Exit Standards and Graduation Requirements. –

7 a. The Board may develop exit standards that shall be required for high  
8 school graduation. The Board shall require the following for high  
9 school graduation:

- 10 1. Successful completion of instruction in cardiopulmonary  
11 resuscitation as provided in G.S. 115C-81.25(c)(10).  
12 2. A passing grade in the semester course on the Founding  
13 Principles of the United States of America and the State of  
14 North Carolina described in G.S. 115C-81.45(d)(1).

15 b. The following restrictions apply to the Board regarding Algebra I and  
16 high school graduation projects:

- 17 1. The Board shall not adopt or enforce any rule that requires  
18 Algebra I as a graduation standard or as a requirement for a  
19 high school diploma for any student whose individualized  
20 education program (i) identifies the student as learning  
21 disabled in the area of mathematics and (ii) states that this  
22 learning disability will prevent the student from mastering  
23 Algebra I.  
24 2. The Board shall not require any student to prepare a high  
25 school graduation project as a condition of graduation from  
26 high school; local boards of education may, however, require  
27 their students to complete a high school graduation project.

28 c. The Board shall allow one full elective credit of a computer science  
29 course approved by a local board of education to be used to fulfill one  
30 full academic credit in math or science. However, it cannot be used to  
31 fulfill the requirement for Math I, Math II, Biology, or a physical  
32 science course."

33 **SECTION 1.(b)** The requirements of G.S. 115C-12(9d), as amended by this section,  
34 shall apply to all students entering the ninth grade in the 2020-2021 school year.

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

