

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 252

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Baker of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 11-103.6m), which relates to computer science programs in schools; requiring public schools to offer certain computer science course or instruction by certain school year; directing computer science courses or offerings to meet certain requirements; requiring the State Department of Education to post on its website certain annual report; providing contents of report; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Computer science in schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 11-103.6m), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6m. A. The State Department of Education shall develop by December 31, 2019, a rubric for computer science programs in elementary, middle and high schools to serve as a guide to schools for implementing quality computer science programs.

B. The rubric shall include but not be limited to the following recommendations:

1. No less than one computer science course taught by a teacher with a computer science certification at each school site, which may

include core content courses where computer science concepts are integrated; and

2. Allowing all students to have access to career exploration activities that address how computer science skills are utilized.

C. 1. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all public high schools and public charter high schools in this state shall offer a minimum of one computer science course to students.

2. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all public middle and elementary schools and public charter middle and elementary schools in this state shall offer instruction aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science. Instruction may be offered through stand-alone computer science courses or through integration in other courses.

D. Each course or offering required by subsection C of this section shall be:

1. Be aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science and current research-based instructional practices;

2. Be of high quality, as defined by the State Board of Education; and

3. Be offered in an in-person setting or as a virtual or distance course option only when a traditional classroom setting is not feasible.

~~D. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that courses may not be taught in a virtual, distance, integrated or other innovative setting.~~

E. By June 30, 2025, and by June 30 each year thereafter, the State Department of Education shall publish on its website a report regarding computer science courses or content offered at each school and district during the previous school year. The report shall include the names and course codes of computer science courses offered in each school including a course description, to the extent such information is available.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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