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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.

