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HOUSE BILL 78

Short Title: Report on K-12 Computer Science Data. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Clemmons, Elmore, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING ON PARTICIPATION ON COMPUTER  
3 SCIENCE COURSES AND COURSE OF STUDY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT  
4 LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(47) Computer Science Reporting. – The State Board of Education shall report  
8 annually by September 15 on the following data related to computer science  
9 participation. For each item, the report shall include (i) statewide data for the  
10 most recent year available, and the four years of data prior, when available, to  
11 establish trends in computer science instruction and (ii) data for each local  
12 school administrative unit and charter school, when available:

- 13 a. The number of teachers employed to teach computational thinking and  
14 computer science.  
15 b. The statewide and elective courses offered in computer science and  
16 computational thinking, and the number of students enrolled in each  
17 course statewide.  
18 c. The number of students enrolled in computer science and  
19 computational thinking courses by grade level.  
20 d. For sub-subdivisions b. and c. of this subdivision, the report shall also  
21 include information on enrollment numbers by the following  
22 subgroups:  
23 1. Economically disadvantaged students.  
24 2. Students from major racial and ethnic groups.  
25 3. Students by gender.  
26 4. Children with disabilities.  
27 5. English learners."

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

