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SENATE BILL 640

Short Title: AI Ethics and Literacy Across Education. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bradley, Theodros, and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SCHOOLS.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-81.66. Artificial intelligence instruction.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt standards for age-appropriate instruction on artificial intelligence (AI) for kindergarten through grade 12. The standards shall include at least the following:

- (1) The basic concepts of artificial intelligence, including an age-appropriate understanding of how AI systems source and create content.**
- (2) Real-world applications of AI.**
- (3) Economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information provide by AI.**
- (4) Responsible, ethical use of AI, including the following topics:**
 - a. Privacy.**
 - b. Oversight.**
 - c. Academic dishonesty.**
 - d. The effect of human bias on AI models.**

(b) The standards adopted by the State Board may allow for AI instruction pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to be included in the standards for computer science courses offered in middle school and high school."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

