

P.L. 2017, CHAPTER 303, *approved January 16, 2018*
Senate No. 2485 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ²**[high school graduation requirements]**
2 computer science education² and supplementing chapter ²**[7C]**
3 35² of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. No later than the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year,
9 each public school enrolling students in grades nine through 12 ¹, other
10 than a county vocational school district,¹ shall offer a course in
11 computer science. The course shall include, but need not be limited to,
12 instruction in computational thinking, computer programming, the
13 appropriate use of the Internet and development of Internet web pages,
14 data security and the prevention of data breaches, ethical matters in
15 computer science, and the global impact of advancements in computer
16 science. ²The course shall be informed by the review undertaken by
17 the Department of Education pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2015, c.229.²

18 b. Beginning with the 2022-2023 ²**[grade nine class]** school
19 year², the State Board of Education shall ²**[require each student to**
20 **complete a course in computer science that includes instruction in the**
21 **various areas specified in subsection a. of this section as part of the**
22 **high school graduation requirements. ¹In the case of a student enrolled**
23 **in a county vocational school district, instruction in a career-specific**
24 **application that is delivered as part of an approved career and technical**
25 **education program shall satisfy this requirement.¹]** adopt any
26 appropriate changes to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and
27 graduation requirements based upon the review undertaken by the
28 Department of Education pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2015, c.229.²

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 Requires school districts to offer course in computer science and
36 DOE to adopt changes to NJ Student Learning Standards in
37 computer science.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted June 19, 2017.

²Senate floor amendments adopted June 26, 2017.