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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school district to provide information to DOE on various aspects of computer science courses.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on June 3, 2021.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning computer science in public schools and  
 2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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 7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:  
 8 a. Individuals with computing skills are among the most  
 9 sought-after employees in the United States job market;  
 10 b. New Jersey currently has more than 15,000 open computing  
 11 jobs across all industries;  
 12 c. Women and minorities remain underrepresented in computer  
 13 science fields;  
 14 d. Leaving women, the sole or primary wage earner in 40  
 15 percent of American families, out of this vital workforce will have  
 16 drastic effects on New Jersey's economy and competitive  
 17 advantage;  
 18 e. New Jersey is committed to increasing the participation of  
 19 females and other underrepresented students in computer science  
 20 fields; and  
 21 f. Tracking data specific to the demographic make-up,  
 22 availability, and content of computer science courses in New Jersey  
 23 schools will provide insight needed to address gaps in populations  
 24 that are underrepresented in computer science fields.

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 26 2. a. <sup>1</sup>**【On or before April 30 of each school year, a】** A<sup>1</sup> school  
 27 district shall <sup>1</sup>**【issue a report to】** provide<sup>1</sup> the Commissioner of  
 28 Education <sup>1</sup>with information<sup>1</sup> on the computer science courses offered  
 29 in the school district during the preceding school year<sup>1</sup>**【**.

30 b. The report<sup>1</sup>**【** in accordance with reporting procedures  
 31 established by the commissioner pursuant to P.L.1995, c.235  
 32 (C.18A:7E-1 et seq.)<sup>1</sup> **】** shall include, but not be limited to, the  
 33 following:

34 (1) the total number of computer science courses offered in each  
 35 school in the district, including any advanced placement computer  
 36 science courses;

37 (2) the subject matter covered in each computer science course  
 38 offered;

39 (3) the total number of computer science teachers at each school in  
 40 the district, including the number of computer science teachers  
 41 disaggregated by gender, terminal degree, and instructional certificate  
 42 endorsement; and

43 (4) the total number and percentage of students enrolled in  
 44 computer science courses at each school in the district, including the  
 45 number and percentage of students enrolled in 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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 3, 2021.

1 courses disaggregated by gender, race and ethnicity, special education  
2 status, English language learner status, eligibility for the free and  
3 reduced price lunch program, and grade level.

4 <sup>1</sup>~~【c.】~~ b.<sup>1</sup> The commissioner shall <sup>1</sup>~~【compile】~~ include<sup>1</sup> the  
5 information <sup>1</sup>~~【reported】~~ provided<sup>1</sup> by school districts pursuant to this  
6 section <sup>1</sup>~~【and post the information on the department's website no~~  
7 ~~later than October 1 of each school year】~~ in the annual report prepared  
8 and disseminated pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1995, c.235  
9 (C.18A:7E-1 et seq.)<sup>1</sup>.

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11 3. This act shall take effect immediately <sup>1</sup>and shall first be  
12 applicable to the 2021-2022 school year<sup>1</sup>.