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SYNOPSIS

Provides that beginning with the 2014-2015 grade nine class, Advanced Placement computer science course may satisfy a part of either the mathematics or science credits required for high school graduation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning high school graduation requirements and
2 supplementing chapter 7C of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. Beginning with the 2014-2015 grade nine class, the State
9 Board of Education shall require that the local graduation
10 requirements adopted by a board of education permit an Advanced
11 Placement computer science course to satisfy a part of the total
12 credit requirement in either mathematics or science. For an
13 Advanced Placement computer science course to satisfy a part of
14 the mathematics credit requirement, the student must be
15 concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed algebra I
16 and geometry. For an Advanced Placement computer science
17 course to satisfy a part of the science credit requirement, the student
18 must be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed
19 five credits in laboratory biology or life science or the content
20 equivalent and an additional laboratory or inquiry-based science
21 course, which may include chemistry, environmental science, or
22 physics.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 Under this bill the State Board of Education would require
30 school districts to permit an Advanced Placement computer science
31 course to satisfy a part of either the mathematics or science credit
32 requirements for high school graduation beginning with the 2014-
33 2015 grade nine class. In order for the student to use the course to
34 satisfy a part of the mathematics credit requirement, however, the
35 student must be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully
36 completed algebra I and geometry. For an Advanced Placement
37 computer science course to satisfy a part of the science credit
38 requirement, the student must be concurrently enrolled in or have
39 successfully completed five credits in laboratory biology or life
40 science or the content equivalent and an additional laboratory or
41 inquiry-based science course, which may include chemistry,
42 environmental science, or physics. These limitations on using an
43 Advanced Placement computer science course to satisfy either a
44 part of the mathematics or science credit requirements reflect the
45 current State Board of Education requirements in those areas of
46 study as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1.