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HOUSE BILL 723

Short Title: Math or Science Credit for Computer Science. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Horn, Saine, and Hardister (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 15, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ALLOW A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE TO FULFILL ONE UNIT OF
CREDIT IN MATH OR SCIENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115C-12(9d) reads as rewritten:

"(9d) Power to Develop Exit Standards and Graduation Requirements. –

a. The Board may develop exit standards that shall be required for high school graduation. The Board shall require the following for high school graduation:

1. Successful completion of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as provided in G.S. 115C-81.25(c)(10).
2. A passing grade in the semester course on the Founding Principles of the United States of America and the State of North Carolina described in G.S. 115C-81.45(d)(1).

b. The following restrictions apply to the Board regarding Algebra I and high school graduation projects:

1. The Board shall not adopt or enforce any rule that requires Algebra I as a graduation standard or as a requirement for a high school diploma for any student whose individualized education program (i) identifies the student as learning disabled in the area of mathematics and (ii) states that this learning disability will prevent the student from mastering Algebra I.
2. The Board shall not require any student to prepare a high school graduation project as a condition of graduation from high school; local boards of education may, however, require their students to complete a high school graduation project.

c. The Board shall allow one full elective credit of a computer science course approved by a local board of education to be used to fulfill one full academic credit in math or science. However, it cannot be used to fulfill the requirement for Math I, Math II, Biology, or a physical science course.

SECTION 1.(b) The requirements of G.S. 115C-12(9d), as amended by this section, shall apply to all students entering the ninth grade in the 2020-2021 school year.

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

