

HOUSE BILL No. 2183

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to high school graduation
2 requirements; requiring passage of a computer science course.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Commencing in school year 2020-2021, all accredited
6 high schools shall provide a computer science course. A student shall take
7 and satisfactorily pass such course in order to be certified as having
8 completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from high
9 school. The board of education of each school district shall adopt a high
10 school graduation policy that allows a student to fulfill one of the science
11 credits required for graduation by satisfactorily passing the required
12 computer science course.

13 (b) Prior to July 1, 2020, the state board of education shall establish
14 an advisory board for computer science academic performance standards.
15 The advisory board shall develop and recommend to the state board
16 academic performance standards for computer science instruction. On or
17 before July 1, 2020, the state board shall adopt academic performance
18 standards for computer science instruction.

19 (c) Prior to July 1, 2020, the state board of education shall establish
20 an advisory board for computer science curriculum development. The
21 composition of the advisory board shall include representatives from
22 businesses located in Kansas that has information technology as a primary
23 business focus. The advisory board shall develop and recommend to the
24 state board curriculum standards for computer science instruction. On or
25 before July 1, 2020, the state board shall establish curriculum standards for
26 computer science instruction.

27 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "computer science course"
28 means a course of study of computers and algorithmic processes, including
29 the principles, hardware and software designs, implementation and impact
30 on society of computers and algorithmic processes.

31 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the statute book.