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AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum; providing credit for computer science courses.

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

Section 1. (a) Commencing in school year 2020-2021, the board of education of any school district that offers a computer science course for grades nine through 12, shall adopt a high school graduation policy that allows a student to fulfill either one science credit or one math credit required for graduation by satisfactorily passing the computer science course.

(b) On or before July 1, 2020, the state board of education shall adopt, as part of the state board's high school graduation policies, a policy that allows a student to fulfill either one science credit or one math credit required for graduation by satisfactorily passing a computer science course. The state board also shall adopt curriculum guidelines and academic performance standards for computer science instruction prior to July 1, 2020.

(c) Commencing July 1, 2021, the state board of regents and the governing body of each community college, technical college and the institute of technology shall adopt, as a part of the admissions policies implemented by each respective postsecondary educational institution, a policy that recognizes a computer science course offered pursuant to this section as an approved math or science credit. Such course shall be recognized as a math or science credit in accordance with the manner in which such course is identified on the student's transcript.

(d) (1) There is hereby established the IT education standards advisory commission. The purpose of the commission is to advise the state board of education and the state board of regents on information technology standards and industry needs. The commission shall consist of 11 members as follows:

- (A) Two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (B) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- (C) two members appointed by the president of the senate;
- (D) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- (E) three members appointed by the governor;
- (F) one member appointed by the state board of education; and
- (G) one member appointed by the state board of regents.

(2) Members of the commission shall serve for a two-year term. Vacancies in any position shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The members shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

(3) The commission shall meet at least three times each calendar year. Meetings shall be at such time and place within the state as set by the chairperson. A quorum of the commission shall be six members. All actions of the commission shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum.

(4) Members of the commission attending meetings authorized by the commission shall be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

(5) On or before January 15, 2020, and each January 15 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the governor, the legislature, the state board of education and the state board of regents. Such report shall include any recommendations of the commission.

(e) For purposes of this section, the term "computer science course" means a course of study of computers and algorithmic processes, including the principles, hardware and software

designs, implementation and impact on society of computers and algorithmic processes, that satisfies the curriculum guidelines and academic standards adopted by the state board of education for such courses.

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