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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, and Barros

Date Introduced: March 03, 2022

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16

2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto the

3 following section:

4 **16-22-36. Computer science graduation requirement.**

5 (a) Commencing with the graduating class of 2024, and all graduating classes thereafter,

6 all high school students attending public schools, or any other school managed and controlled by

7 the state, shall demonstrate proficiency in computer science. Local education agencies (LEAs) shall

8 have the discretion to allow students the ability to demonstrate proficiency by successfully

9 completing one or more of the following:

10 (l) A computer science course of study that is aligned with the standards developed and

11 adopted by the council on elementary and secondary education (the "council"): or

12 (2) A computer science assessment that is aligned with the standards developed and

13 adopted by the council, and taken in a controlled testing environment,

14 (b) Schools shall be permitted to make exceptions and accommodations to the requirements

15 of this section for students with disabilities, as provided in chapter 24 of title 16, in cases where the

16 student cannot be reasonably expected to demonstrate proficiency under council standards.

1   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would require that commencing with the graduating class of 2024 all high school

2   students attending public schools demonstrate proficiency in computer science.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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