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5 By: Senator J. English

6 By: Representative Vaught

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8 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

9   AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

10   ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 ## Subtitle

14   TO CREATE THE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

15   ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2021.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended

21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22   6-16-152. Computer Science Education Advancement Act of 2021.

23   (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Computer

24 Science Education Advancement Act of 2021".

25   (b)(1) Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of the 2022-2023

26 school year, a public high school student shall be required to earn one (1)

27 unit of credit in a Department of Education-approved high school computer

28 science course before the student graduates.

29   (2) A computer science course offered by a public high school

30 shall:

31   (A) Be of high quality;

32   (B) Meet or exceed the curriculum standards and

33 requirements established by the State Board of Education; and

34   (C) Be made available to students in a traditional

35 classroom setting, blended learning environment, or online-based or other

36 technology-based format that is tailored to meet the needs of each

1   participating student.

2   (c)(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a public school

3   district shall employ a computer science teacher at each high school in the

4   public school district.

5   (2) A computer science teacher employed in accordance with

6   subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall hold a license approved by the state

7   board.

8   (d) The state board may adopt rules to administer this section.

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