



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0566 - Computer Science Offerings

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Computer science course requirement

This bill requires school boards, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program to make available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course, which must include concepts in computer programming or coding.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. n. of the statutes is created to read:

118.40 (2r) (b) 2. n. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that includes a grade from 9 to 12, a requirement that the charter school make available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

SECTION 2. 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. n. of the statutes is created to read:

118.40 (2x) (b) 2. n. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that includes a grade from 9 to 12, a requirement that the charter school make available

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to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

SECTION 3. 118.60 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 10. If the private school operates any grade from 9 to 12, the private school makes available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

SECTION 4. 119.23 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 10. If the private school operates any grade from 9 to 12, the private school makes available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

SECTION 5. 121.02 (1) (L) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

121.02 (1) (L) 9. Make available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

SECTION 9334. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.

(1) COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE REQUIREMENT.

(a) *Independent charter school contracts.* The treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. n. and (2x) (b) 2. n. first applies to a contract that is entered into, renewed, or modified on the effective date of this paragraph.

(b) *Private schools participating in a parental choice program.* The treatment of ss. 118.60 (2) (a) 10. and 119.23 (2) (a) 10. first applies to an application to attend a private school under a parental choice program in the 2026-27 school year.

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