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House Bill 4194

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Referred to the committee on Education then Finance.]

1   A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §18-2-12, relating to requiring each public high school to offer a course in

3   computer science.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1   That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new

2   section, designated §18-2-12, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-12. Required Computer Science Course Offering.

1   (a) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, a public high school shall offer at least one

2   computer science course at the high school level.

3   (b) A computer science course offered by a public high school shall:

4   (1) Be of high quality;

5   (2) Meet or exceed the curriculum standards and requirements established by the State

6   Board of Education; and

7   (3) Be made available in a traditional classroom setting, blended learning environment,

8   online-based, or other technology-based format that is tailored to meet the needs of each

9   participating student.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require each public high school to offer a course in computer science.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.