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FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: ⊠ State ⊠ Local ☐ Statutory Public Entity ☐ Conditional ☐ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: COMPUTER COURSES FULFILL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		Increased workload.
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill encourages school districts to treat computer science and coding classes as mathematics or science courses and count completion of such computer-related courses toward the fulfillment of any mathematics or science graduation requirements.

The bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE), on or before July 1, 2018, to adopt academic content standards for secondary education to include knowledge and skills related to computer science in one or more courses that qualify as a graduation requirement in either mathematics or science. Local education providers may choose whether to implement the standards.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase the workload of the SBE in FY 2017-18, when it is required to revise academic content standards to include knowledge and skills related to computer science. The increase is expected to minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

School District Impact

Local school districts that choose to make the change will be required to adjust curricula and teaching methods to meet new computer science standards after the SBE revises math and science standards. Due to the permissive nature of the bill, the extent of the increased workload and costs for the school districts cannot be determined at this time.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 21, 2016, and it became effective on August 10, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Education	Information Technology
Municipalities	Regulatory Agencies	