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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Seveney, Paolino, Metts, and Gallo

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: Senate 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
3 the following section:

4 **16-22-34. Computer science graduation requirement.**

5 (a) Commencing with the graduating class of 2022, 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)
8 shall have the discretion to allow students the ability to demonstrate proficiency by successfully
9 completing one or more of the following:

10 (1) 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
15 requirements of this section for students with disabilities, as provided in chapter 24 of title 16, in
16 cases where the student cannot be reasonably expected to demonstrate proficiency under council
17 standards.

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

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EXPLANATION
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