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H.B. No. 728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment by the State Board of Education of an
3 advanced computer science program for high school students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 28.018. ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM. (a) The
8 State Board of Education by rule shall develop and implement a
9 program under which:

10 (1) students in participating school districts may
11 comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced mathematics
12 credit under Section 28.025(b-1)(2) or an advanced science credit
13 under Section 28.025(b-1)(3) by successfully completing an
14 advanced computer science course; and

15 (2) participating school districts implement rigorous
16 standards, as developed by the State Board of Education, for
17 advanced computer science courses that are focused on the creation
18 and use of software and computing technologies.

19 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
20 administer this section.

21 SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall establish the
22 program under Section 28.018, Education Code, as added by this Act,
23 not later than September 1, 2018, for implementation during the
24 2018-2019 school year.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.