

1-1 By: Guerra, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 728  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2017;  
 1-3 April 26, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 9, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 9, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the establishment by the State Board of Education of an  
 1-22 advanced computer science program for high school students.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 28.018. ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM. (a) The  
 1-27 State Board of Education by rule shall develop and implement a  
 1-28 program under which:

1-29 (1) students in participating school districts may  
 1-30 comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced mathematics  
 1-31 credit under Section 28.025(b-1)(2) or an advanced science credit  
 1-32 under Section 28.025(b-1)(3) by successfully completing an  
 1-33 advanced computer science course; and

1-34 (2) participating school districts implement rigorous  
 1-35 standards, as developed by the State Board of Education, for  
 1-36 advanced computer science courses that are focused on the creation  
 1-37 and use of software and computing technologies.

1-38 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to  
 1-39 administer this section.

1-40 SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall establish the  
 1-41 program under Section 28.018, Education Code, as added by this Act,  
 1-42 not later than September 1, 2018, for implementation during the  
 1-43 2018-2019 school year.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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