

SB2535 • Mississippi

MS Future Innovators Act; enact to require high-school computer science or CTE with embedded computer science course.

Enacted

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Jul 01, 2025 | Last Action (Mar 04, 2025): Died In Committee

Summary

The MS Future Innovators Act requires high school students to earn credit in computer science or CTE with embedded computer science, starting with the 2027-2028 class, without replacing core math or science credits.

Business Impact

If you operate educational programs in Mississippi, you must ensure compliance with new computer science credit requirements by 2027 or face potential penalties.

Key Provisions

- Students must earn one credit in a high-school computer science course or CTE with embedded computer science.
- Courses must include instruction on fundamental concepts of emerging technologies, including AI.
- The requirement applies to students entering the ninth grade in the 2027-2028 school year.
- Credits earned can satisfy existing graduation requirements without increasing total credits needed, but cannot replace Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, biology, or one physical science requirement.
- For an alternative diploma, the credit can satisfy career readiness or elective requirements.
- Definitions for CTE with embedded computer science are clarified for compliance.
- Effective date for the act is July 1, 2025.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure curriculum includes required computer science or CTE courses. | Who: Public high schools in Mississippi | Penalty: Potential penalties for non-compliance not specified.

- Obtain approval from the State Board of Education for courses. | Who: Public high schools offering computer science courses | Penalty: Courses not approved may not count towards graduation requirements.

Industries Affected

Education

Finance

Technology

Topics

Comprehensive AI

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Chris Johnson	R	Sponsor
Sarita Simmons	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-02-11	Senate Passed	51	0	Passed

Related Bills

- HB1035 (MS)

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