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A BILL to require the Department of Education to perform a comprehensive review of computer science standards, courses, and course pathways in public schools; report.

Patrons—Simonds, Gooditis, Subramanyam, Ayala, Cole, M.L., Keam, Levine, Lopez and VanValkenburg

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Department of Education shall perform a comprehensive review of the ongoing implementation of mandatory computer science standards in elementary schools and middle schools and the alignment of middle school and high school computer science courses and course pathways. Such review shall include recommendations for implementation processes at the local level, profiles of implementation processes that have been successful for school divisions, a description of opportunities for enhanced collaboration with relevant computer science stakeholders to expand computer science education opportunities for all students in the Commonwealth and for relevant professional development for teachers, and examining methods of data collection annually from local school divisions pertaining to computer science implementation. The Department of Education shall prepare a report on its comprehensive review and shall provide such report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Secretary of Education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction no later than November 1, 2021.*

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