



# HOUSE BILL 534: Computer Coding Course Elective.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 534 would require the State Board of Education to develop and identify courses in computer programming and coding that can be offered as elective courses for middle school and high school students.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S540, as introduced by Sens. Lowe, Tillman, Tarte, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 534 would direct the State Board of Education to develop and identify academically rigorous courses in computer programming and coding that can be offered as electives at the middle or high school level. These courses would provide multiple opportunities for students to learn about the coding process.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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