

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 540\*

Short Title: Computer Coding Course Elective. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lowe, Tillman, Tarte (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Lee, and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND  
3 IDENTIFY COURSES IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND CODING THAT CAN  
4 BE OFFERED AS ELECTIVE COURSES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH  
5 SCHOOL STUDENTS.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
8 "(e3) Computer Programming Courses With Coding to Be Developed and Administered.  
9 – The State Board of Education shall develop and identify academically rigorous courses in  
10 computer programming and coding that can be offered as electives at the middle or high school  
11 level. These courses shall provide multiple opportunities for students to learn about the coding  
12 process."  
13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
14 the 2017-2018 school year.



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