AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to high school graduation requirements; requiring passage of a computer science course.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Commencing in school year 2020-2021, all accredited high schools shall provide a computer science course. A student shall take and satisfactorily pass such course in order to be certified as having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from high school. The board of education of each school district shall adopt a high school graduation policy that allows a student to fulfill one of the science credits required for graduation by satisfactorily passing the required computer science course.

(b) Prior to July 1, 2020, the state board of education shall establish an advisory board for computer science academic performance standards. The advisory board shall develop and recommend to the state board academic performance standards for computer science instruction. On or before July 1, 2020, the state board shall adopt academic performance standards for computer science instruction.

(c) Prior to July 1, 2020, the state board of education shall establish an advisory board for computer science curriculum development. The composition of the advisory board shall include representatives from businesses located in Kansas that has information technology as a primary business focus. The advisory board shall develop and recommend to the state board curriculum standards for computer science instruction. On or before July 1, 2020, the state board shall establish curriculum standards for computer science instruction.

(d) For purposes of this section, the term "computer science course" means a course of study of computers and algorithmic processes, including the principles, hardware and software designs, implementation and impact on society of computers and algorithmic processes.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.