

# ACT No. 268

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 372

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025.7(introductory paragraph) and 5026(F)(introductory  
3 paragraph) and to repeal Section 6(A) and (D) of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular  
4 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to curricula; to provide relative to  
5 Computer Science as a required high school course; to provide for alignment with  
6 the core curriculum requirements for qualifications for TOPS awards; to provide for  
7 applicability; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:5025.7(introductory paragraph) and 5026(F)(introductory  
10 paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §5025.7. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance, and  
12 Honors Awards; students graduating ~~in the 2027-2028 school year~~ through  
13 2029-2030 school years

14 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant  
15 to this Chapter, a student who graduated during or after the 2027-2028 school year  
16 but not later than the 2029-2030 school year shall have successfully completed a core  
17 curriculum which consists of twenty units of high school course work as follows:

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19 §5026. High school core curriculum requirements; TOPS-Tech

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1 F. For a student graduating during or after the 2027-2028 school year but  
2 prior to the 2030-2031 school year to be eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant  
3 to this Chapter, the student shall have successfully completed the core curriculum  
4 requirements of R.S. 17:5025 or the core curriculum defined as follows:

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6 Section 2. Section 6.(A) and (D) of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the  
7 Legislature of Louisiana are hereby repealed in their entirety.

8 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(b), (c), and (f) as amended by  
9 Section 2 of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana shall  
10 apply as follows:

11 (A) R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(b) and (c), relative to the authorization that computer  
12 science may count as math and science credits for a high school career major, shall apply to  
13 students who enter the ninth grade during the 2025-2026 school year and thereafter.

14 (B) R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(f), relative to the requirement that one of the nine Jump  
15 Start courses required for a high school career major be computer science unless computer  
16 science is taken to fulfill a math or science credit, shall apply to students who enter the ninth  
17 grade during the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter.

18 Section 4. The provisions of R.S. 17:280.3(A), as enacted by Section 4 of Act No.  
19 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, shall be implemented as  
20 follows:

21 (A) R.S. 17:280.3(A)(1), relative to the requirement that each public high school  
22 provide computer science instruction to its students, shall initially be implemented beginning  
23 with the 2026-2027 school year.

24 (B) R.S. 17:280.3(A)(1), relative to the requirement that each public high school  
25 student successfully complete a one-credit computer science course to qualify for high  
26 school graduation, shall apply to students who enter the ninth grade during the 2027-2028  
27 school year and thereafter.

28 (C) R.S. 17:280.3(A)(2) shall initially be implemented beginning with the 2026-  
29 2027 school year.

1           (D) R.S. 17:280.3(A)(3)) shall initially be implemented beginning with the 2027-  
2   2028 school year.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_