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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Hershel Lyons, Chancellor  
Division of Public Schools

Rod Duckworth, Chancellor  
Division of Career and Adult Education

**DATE:** June 1, 2018

**SUBJECT: House Bill 495, Section 3, Computer Science and Technology Instruction**

The 2018 legislature passed, and Governor Scott signed into law, [House Bill 495](#). Section 3 of this bill amended section 1007.2616, Florida Statutes, and took effect upon becoming law. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform school districts of new responsibilities and considerations resulting from these amendments.

The law provides a definition of computer science and requires the identification of computer science courses in the [Course Code Directory](#) published on the Department of Education's website by July 1, 2018. The list of identified courses are attached to this memo.

Middle and high schools in each district, including combination schools in which any of grades 6 through 12 are taught, must provide an opportunity for students to enroll in a computer science course. If a school district does not offer an identified computer science course the district must provide students access to the course through the [Florida Virtual School](#) (FLVS) or through other means.

If you have questions regarding these amendments or general education courses, please contact Katrina Figgett, at 850-245-0758 or via email at [Katrina.Figgett@fldoe.org](mailto:Katrina.Figgett@fldoe.org). For questions regarding career and technical education courses, please contact Kathleen Taylor at 850-245-9062 or via email at [Kathleen.Taylor@fldoe.org](mailto:Kathleen.Taylor@fldoe.org).

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cc: District Assistant Superintendents for Instruction  
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Attachment