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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to computer science instruction in
3 elementary schools; amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.;
4 requiring, rather than authorizing, certain computer
5 science skills be taught in elementary school;
6 revising the computer science skills to be taught in
7 elementary school; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
12 1007.2616, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1007.2616 Computer science and technology instruction.—

14 (2)(a) Public schools shall provide students in grades K-
15 12 opportunities for learning computer science, including, but
16 not limited to, computer coding and computer programming. Such
17 opportunities must ~~may~~ include computational thinking and
18 foundational computer science skills ~~coding~~ instruction in
19 elementary school, ~~and middle school~~ and instruction to develop
20 students' computer usage and digital literacy skills in middle
21 school, and ~~must include~~ courses in computer science in middle
22 school and high school, including earning-related industry
23 certifications. Such courses must be integrated into each school
24 district's middle and high schools, including combination
25 schools in which any of grades 6 through 12 are taught.

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26 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021. |