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Bill Analysis

SB 593 directs the State Department of Education to develop a rubric for computer science programs in elementary, middle and high schools by December 31, 2019. The measure outlines the recommendations for the rubric, but does not limit the contents of the rubric to the outline. Each course must be aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science and current research-based instructional practices.

Subject to available funding, the measure requires the Department to allocate \$1 million to implement the provisions of the measure. The Department is also authorized to create a grant program to be awarded to applicant districts and high-quality computer science professional learning providers. Funding from the grants may be used to create courses related to computer science, credentialing of computer science teachers, supports for learning, and developing computer science resources. Up to 10% of the funds may be used to study the efficacy of these programs. Grantees may also purchase technology including software, hardware, or infrastructure. The measure outlines prioritized grant applicants.

House Amendments

House Amendments to SB 593 clarifies that the appropriation to the Department shall be made not “subject to available funding” and not “subject to legislative appropriations.”

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