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House Bill 4326 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Representative Greg VanWoerkom
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to specify that, for the purposes of high school graduation requirements, computer coding would be considered a language other than English.

The Code prohibits the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy from awarding a high school diploma to a pupil unless he or she has completed the prescribed number of credits in the Michigan merit standard (e.g., courses in mathematics, health and physical education, and social studies). In addition, a pupil must complete at least two credits in a language other than English. For the purposes of this requirement, American Sign Language is considered a language other than English. Under the bill, computer coding also would be considered a language other than English.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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