

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012

WHEREAS It is expedient further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (XXIV of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XXIV of 2012.** - In the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (XXIV of 2012), in section 3, in sub-section (3),-

(i) in paragraph (l), the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted;

(ii) in paragraph (m), for the full stop "." at the end, a semi colon and word "; and" shall be substituted; and

(iii) after paragraph (m), amended as aforesaid, the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(n) ensure compulsory courses related to computer sciences, coding and programming for all Elementary to High school students."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Education has benefited from the inclusion of technology and computers by making it easier for students to keep up while helping teachers by improving the way lessons can be planned and taught. Computers play a vital role in the modern business world, and many of even the most basic jobs involve technology and computers. Teaching students how to use computers helps them prepare for any number of possible careers, and classes based on computer education can get even more specific. This amendment aims at prescribing computer sciences, coding and programming as fundamental right of elementary to high school students, to enable them understand and learn the skills of new technology in this era of convergence and subsequently getting excellent jobs in the future and succeed in their lives.

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