

Please consider the wide ranging effects of this bill and vote no.

House File 2629 includes requirements for Iowa public and accredited non public districts to provide computer science instruction for students. The AEAs across Iowa currently support districts with meeting these Future Ready requirements through Education & Media Services.

The [2023 Iowa State of Computer Science report](#) stated that on average there are 4,621 open computing jobs in our state with an average salary of \$91,730. Ensuring Iowa's workforce is Future Ready includes helping students, educators, and families understand [how computer science impacts](#) our daily lives and Iowa's economy. The AEAs have collaborated with the computer science consultant at the Iowa DE, district leaders and educators, members of the Iowa STEM team, and community partners to ensure our schools have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide high quality computer science instruction for all students. Supports include facilitating the creation of district K-12 CS implementation plans, virtual and [face to face](#) professional development for PreK-12 teachers and administrators, [co-teaching and in classroom coaching](#) of computer science integration into core content, and providing physical computing and robot lending libraries all delivered by a statewide computer science team to ensure equitable services across the state. Our collective efforts to help districts meet the requirements of HS 2629 have led to Iowa being named the [7th best state for computer science education](#) in the nation.

I implore you to slow down this process to fully investigate how the proposed changes will impact Iowa's students, teachers, families, communities and economy.