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Abstract: Revises the manner a student may satisfy the computer science requirement in the high school core curriculum required for a Taylor Opportunity for Students award.

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a college scholarship program, including initial and continuing eligibility requirements. Provides that students are required to take either two units of foreign language that are in the same language or two units of computer science.

Proposed law removes the option to take two units of computer science in lieu of a foreign language and instead adds computer science to a list of accepted science electives. Present law requires two science electives in the TOPS-Opportunity, Performance, and Honors Award core curriculum.

Proposed law is applicable to those graduating in the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 17:5025(3)(c) and (5))