

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 2775**

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-2-7c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to requiring each high school student to complete a one credit course of study in personal  
3 finance as a requirement for high school graduation; end-of-course examination; state  
4 board development of standards.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-2-7c. Program in personal finance.**

1 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that persons with an understanding of personal  
2 finance are better prepared to manage their money and that providing a personal finance program  
3 in secondary schools in West Virginia will prepare students to handle their finances.

4 (b) To provide students a basic understanding of personal finance, the state board shall  
5 develop a program of instruction on personal finance which may be integrated into the curriculum  
6 of an appropriate existing course or courses for students in secondary schools.

7 (c) Beginning with the 2021 - 2022 school year, each high school student shall complete  
8 a one credit course of study in personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation:  
9 Provided, That no other credit may be substituted for personal finance. This coursework must  
10 include an end-of-course examination. The State Board of Education shall develop the standards  
11 for this coursework before July 1, 2021.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require each high school student to complete a one credit course of study in personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.