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House Bill 2775

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[Introduced January 30, 2019; Referred

to the Committee on Education.]

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-half credit course of study in
3 personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation.

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 2020 - 2021 school year, each high school student shall complete
8 a one-half credit course of study in personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation
9 in place of existing economics coursework requirements. This coursework must include an end-
10 of-course examination. The County Board of Education shall develop the curriculum for this
11 coursework before July 1, 2020.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require each high school student to complete a one-half 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.