

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 283

By Senator Grady

[Introduced February 12, 2025; 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 to
2 expanding the grade levels that the course of study in personal finance can be completed
3 in for the purpose of counting toward satisfying the personal finance course requirement
4 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 class of students entering 9th grade in the 2024-2025 school year
8 and thereafter, each high school student shall complete one-half credit course of study in personal
9 finance during their 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year as a requirement for high school graduation.
10 The State Board of Education shall develop and issue implementation guidance to local school
11 boards and other education agencies as to curriculum, content matter standards, eligible teacher
12 certification(s), and graduation requirements the course may fulfill before July 1, 2024.

13 (d) Every student shall complete a course in personal finance prior to high school
14 graduation.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to expand the grade levels that the course of study in personal finance can be completed in for the purpose of counting toward satisfying the personal finance course 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.