

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 283**

BY SENATORS GRADY, WOELFEL, DEEDS, AND HAMILTON

[Passed March 26, 2025; in effect 90 days from  
passage (June 24, 2025)]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2-7c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to expanding the grade levels that the course of study in personal finance can be  
3 completed in for the purpose of counting toward satisfying the personal finance course  
4 requirement for high school graduation; and providing that the expansion of the grade  
5 levels applies retroactively.

*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 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year as a requirement for high school  
10 graduation. The expansion of the grade levels to the 8th, 9th, and 10th grade during the 2025  
11 regular session of the Legislature applies retroactively so that a student who has taken the finance  
12 course during the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade year prior to the effective date of the expansion satisfies  
13 the personal finance course graduation requirement of this subsection. The State Board of  
14 Education shall develop and issue implementation guidance to local school boards and other  
15 education agencies as to curriculum, content matter standards, eligible teacher certification(s),  
16 and graduation requirements the course may fulfill before July 1, 2024.

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



The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2025.

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*Governor*