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House Bill 4036

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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 the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a semester-
 3 long financial literacy course; requiring all county boards of education implement the
 4 financial literacy course in all high schools in the particular county; and require all students
 5 to satisfactorily complete a course in financial literacy as a graduation requirement.

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) The State Board of Education shall develop curriculum content for a semester-long
 5 course in financial literacy. Each county board of education shall implement the financial literacy
 6 curriculum content developed by the state board into every high school in that particular county.
 7 ~~To provide students a basic understanding of personal finance, the state Board shall develop a~~
 8 ~~program of instruction on personal finance which may be integrated into the curriculum of an~~
 9 ~~appropriate existing course or courses for students in secondary schools.~~

10 (c) In order to graduate from a high school in this state, each student shall satisfactorily
 11 complete a course in financial literacy.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the State Board of Education to develop a financial literacy curriculum for a semester-long course and require students to complete a course in financial literacy as a graduation requirement for high schools in this state.

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