

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### House Bill 2242

FISCAL  
NOTE

By Delegate Martin

[Introduced January 11, 2023; 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 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 2023 - 2024 school year, each high school student shall complete a  
 8 one-half credit course of study in personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation in  
 9 place of existing economics coursework requirements. This coursework must include an end-of-  
 10 course examination. The State Board of Education shall develop the curriculum for this  
 11 coursework before July 1, 2023.

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.