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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require public school students to complete a course on personal financial literacy and money management before graduation from high school.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public high schools; to require students to complete a personal financial literacy and money management course before graduation; to provide for the creation and administration of a financial literacy examination; and to require the reporting of a summary of examination results to the State Department of Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Beginning with public school students entering ninth grade in the 2024-2025 school year, each student shall complete a course in personal financial literacy and money management before graduation from high school. This instruction shall include discussion of or instruction in all of the following:

- (1) Types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a bank account, and assessing the quality of services



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29 provided by a depository institution.

30 (2) Balancing a checking account.

31 (3) Basic principles of money management including, but
32 not limited to, spending, credit, credit scores, and managing
33 debt, including retail and credit card debt.

34 (4) Evaluating types of loans.

35 (5) Basic principles of personal insurance policies.

36 (6) Understanding percentages as relating to taxation.

37 (7) Computing interest rates by various mechanisms.

38 (8) Simple contracts.

39 (9) Types of savings and investments.

40 (b) (1) Before June 30, 2024, and in accordance with
41 Section 16-35-4, Code of Alabama 1975, the State Department of
42 Education shall identify approved financial literacy courses
43 that may fulfill one unit of academic credit for any
44 mathematics course for high school graduation.

45 (2) No later than June 30, 2024, the State Department
46 of Education shall create an examination that focuses on the
47 standards of the approved financial literacy course. The
48 examination shall be provided to local education agencies and
49 shall be administered to each student upon completion of the
50 approved financial literacy course. A summary of examination
51 results, by local school system, shall be recorded and
52 reported annually to the State Department of Education.

53 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as
54 necessary to implement this section.

55 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
56 day of the third month following its passage and approval by



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57 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.