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S.B. No. 686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to personal financial literacy courses for high school students in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.0021(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each school district and each open-enrollment charter school that offers a high school program shall provide a ~~an~~ ~~elective~~ course in personal financial literacy that meets the requirements for a one-half ~~elective~~ credit under Section 28.025, using materials approved by the State Board of Education. The instruction in personal financial literacy must include instruction on completing the application for federal student aid provided by the United States Department of Education. In fulfilling the requirement to provide financial literacy instruction under this section, a school district or open-enrollment charter school may use an existing state, federal, private, or nonprofit program that provides students without charge the instruction described under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students

1 successfully complete:

2 (1) four credits in English language arts under
3 Section 28.002(a)(1)(A), including one credit in English I, one
4 credit in English II, one credit in English III, and one credit in
5 an advanced English course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

6 (2) three credits in mathematics under Section
7 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in
8 geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course
9 authorized under Subsection (b-2);

10 (3) three credits in science under Section
11 28.002(a)(1)(C), including one credit in biology, one credit in any
12 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2), and one
13 credit in integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional
14 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

15 (4) three credits in social studies under Section
16 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at
17 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in
18 economics, and one credit in world geography or world history;

19 (5) except as provided under Subsections (b-12),
20 (b-13), and (b-14), two credits in the same language in a language
21 other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A);

22 (6) five elective credits;

23 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section
24 28.002(a)(2)(D); ~~and~~

25 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one
26 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C); and

27 (9) one-half credit in personal financial literacy

1 under Section [28.0021](#).

2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
3 school year.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.