

1-1 By: Alvarado, et al. S.B. No. 686  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2019; March 1, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2019,  
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 23, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 686 By: Powell

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to courses in personal financial literacy and economics  
 1-23 for high school students in public schools.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-26 amending Subsection (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-24) to read as  
 1-27 follows:

1-28 (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require  
 1-29 that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school  
 1-30 program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students  
 1-31 successfully complete:

1-32 (1) four credits in English language arts under  
 1-33 Section 28.002(a)(1)(A), including one credit in English I, one  
 1-34 credit in English II, one credit in English III, and one credit in  
 1-35 an advanced English course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

1-36 (2) three credits in mathematics under Section  
 1-37 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in  
 1-38 geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course  
 1-39 authorized under Subsection (b-2);

1-40 (3) three credits in science under Section  
 1-41 28.002(a)(1)(C), including one credit in biology, one credit in any  
 1-42 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2), and one  
 1-43 credit in integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional  
 1-44 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

1-45 (4) three credits in social studies under Section  
 1-46 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at  
 1-47 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in  
 1-48 economics or personal financial literacy and economics, and one  
 1-49 credit in world geography or world history;

1-50 (5) except as provided under Subsections (b-12),  
 1-51 (b-13), and (b-14), two credits in the same language in a language  
 1-52 other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A);

1-53 (6) five elective credits;

1-54 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section  
 1-55 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

1-56 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one  
 1-57 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

1-58 (b-24) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State  
 1-59 Board of Education shall ensure that a personal financial literacy  
 1-60 and economics course taken to comply with the curriculum

2-1 requirement under Subsection (b-1)(4) allocates:  
2-2 (1) two-thirds of instruction time to instruction in  
2-3 personal financial literacy; and  
2-4 (2) one-third of instruction time to instruction in  
2-5 economics.

2-6 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2020-2021  
2-7 school year.

2-8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-12 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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