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Introduced by M. of A. CONRAD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a state seal of financial literacy

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815-a to read as follows:

§ 815-a. State seal of financial literacy. 1. (a) The state seal of financial literacy is established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in personal finance, budget management, and investment. The state seal of financial literacy shall be awarded by the commissioner. School district participation in this program is voluntary.

(b) The purposes of the state seal of financial literacy are as follows:

(1) To encourage pupils to study the principles of personal finance.

(2) To certify attainment of financial literacy.

(3) To provide employers with a method of identifying people with financial literacy skills.

(4) To provide universities with an additional method to recognize applicants seeking admission.

(5) To prepare pupils with twenty-first century skills.

(6) To recognize the value of students demonstrating the financial knowledge, skills, and abilities required to manage personal finances in our public schools.

2. (a) The state seal of financial literacy certifies attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduating high school pupil in financial literacy.

(b) The board of regents shall promulgate such regulations of the commissioner as may be necessary to establish the criteria that students

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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must achieve to earn a state seal of financial literacy, which may include, but is not limited to attainment of units of credit in social studies or economics.

3. The commissioner shall do both of the following:

(a) Prepare and deliver to participating school districts an appropriate insignia to be affixed to the diploma and transcript of the pupil indicating that the pupil has been awarded a state seal of financial literacy by the commissioner.

(b) Provide other information the commissioner deems necessary for school districts to successfully participate in the program.

4. A school district that participates in the program under this section shall do both of the following:

(a) Maintain appropriate records in order to identify pupils who have earned a state seal of financial literacy.

(b) Affix the appropriate insignia to the diploma and transcript of each pupil who earns a state seal of financial literacy.

5. No fee shall be charged to a pupil pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.