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AN ACT to amend the financial services law, in relation to financial literacy education

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. In order to contribute to the state's
2 and the nation's future financial stability and increase upward economic
3 mobility, it is the policy of the New York state legislature to promote
4 financial capability among young Americans and encourage building the
5 financial capability of young people at an early stage in schools, fami-
6 lies, communities, and the workplace.
7 By starting early, young people can begin to learn the difference
8 between wants and needs, the importance and power of saving, and the
9 positive and productive role money can play in their lives. Having a
10 basic understanding of money management from an early age will make our
11 young people better equipped to tackle more complex financial decisions
12 in their transition to adulthood, when critical decisions about financ-
13 ing higher education and saving for retirement can have lasting conse-
14 quences for financial security.
15 Strengthening the financial capability of our young people is an
16 investment in our state's and our nation's economic prosperity.
17 Financial capability is the capacity, based on knowledge, skills, and
18 access, to manage financial resources prudently and effectively. Efforts
19 to improve financial capability, which should be based on evidence of
20 effectiveness, empower individuals to make informed choices, plan and
21 set goals, avoid pitfalls, know where to seek help, and take other
22 actions to better their present and long-term financial well-being.
23 S 2. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
24 "financial literacy education in the New York state youth employment
25 program act".
26 S 3. The financial services law is amended by adding a new section 311
27 to read as follows:

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

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1 S 311. FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION. (A) ANY YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN
2 THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH FINANCIAL
3 LITERACY EDUCATION WORKSHOP MATERIALS WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE
4 PROGRAM.

5 (B) THE FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY BANKS AND
6 CREDIT UNIONS SHALL BE USED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, IN
7 CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
8 LITERACY EDUCATION TO ALL PARTICIPATING YOUTH WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS
9 OF THE PROGRAM.

10 (C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
11 PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN ANY SUCH PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF TEMPO-
12 RARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE.

13 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.