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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.

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

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1 S 2. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "financial literacy education in the New York state youth employment  
3 program act".

4 S 3. The financial services law is amended by adding a new section 311  
5 to read as follows:

6 S 311. FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION. (A) ANY YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN  
7 THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION (C) OF  
8 THIS SECTION, SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION WORK-  
9 SHOP MATERIALS WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF ANY SUCH PROGRAM.

10 (B) THE FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION WORKSHOP MATERIALS SHALL BE  
11 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH BANKS, CREDIT UNIONS,  
12 AND ANY OTHER LICENSED FINANCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS THE DEPARTMENT CHOOS-  
13 ES IN ITS DISCRETION, FOR ANY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS THAT DO  
14 NOT ALREADY HAVE SUCH MATERIALS AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDI-  
15 VISION.

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

19 S 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.