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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring secondary
school students to complete a financial literacy and personal finances
course

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 55 to read as follows:
3 55. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A CONCISE
4 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY AND PERSONAL FINANCES, AND
5 REQUIRE THAT SUCH COURSE BE COMPLETED BY PUPILS IN GRADES ELEVEN AND
6 TWELVE. SUCH COURSE OF INSTRUCTION MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO OTHER CLASS
7 WORK OR COURSES OF INSTRUCTION PROVIDED TO SUCH PUPILS. THE FINANCIAL
8 LITERACY COURSE MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO INSTRUCTION ON
9 USING CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, OBTAINING SHORT OR LONG TERM CRED-
10 IT, SECURING A LOAN FOR HIGH COST ITEMS SUCH AS A MOTOR VEHICLE OR A
11 HOME, OBTAINING AND USING CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS, INVESTING AND SAVING
12 MONEY, AND PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September in the
14 calendar year commencing after the date it shall have become a law; and
15 the commissioner of education is immediately authorized and directed to
16 promulgate, amend and/or repeal any rules and regulations necessary to
17 implement the provisions of this act on its effective date.

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

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