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H.B. No. 4342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to courses in personal finance literacy and economics for  
high school students in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

(4) three credits in social studies under Section

1 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at  
2 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in  
3 economics to include ~~or~~ personal financial literacy & economics,  
4 and one credit in world geography or world history;

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

8 (6) five elective credits;

9 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section  
10 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

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

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
14 school year.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.