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S.B. No. 290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to including a personal financial literacy component in  
3 public school mathematics instruction.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 28.0021, Education Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The Texas essential knowledge and skills and, as  
8 applicable, Section 28.025 shall require instruction in personal  
9 financial literacy in:

10 (1) mathematics instruction in kindergarten through  
11 grade eight; and

12 (2) one or more courses required for high school  
13 graduation.

14 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 31.0231, Education Code,  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) The commissioner shall adopt a list of:

17 (1) electronic textbooks; and

18 (2) instructional material that conveys information  
19 to the student or otherwise contributes to the learning process,  
20 including tools, models, and investigative materials designed for  
21 use as part of the foundation curriculum for:

22 (A) science in kindergarten through grade five;  
23 and

24 (B) personal financial literacy in kindergarten

1 through grade eight.

2           SECTION 3. For purposes of the textbook review and adoption  
3 requirements under Section 31.022, Education Code, the State Board  
4 of Education shall review and adopt mathematics textbooks that  
5 satisfy the requirements of Section 28.0021, Education Code, as  
6 amended by this Act, on the next scheduled review and adoption cycle  
7 for mathematics textbooks after the effective date of this Act.

8           SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012  
9 school year.

10           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.