**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-17, TO REQUIRE EACH HIGH SCHOOL TO OFFER A ONE‑HALF CREDIT COURSE OF STUDY IN PERSONAL FINANCE AS AN ELECTIVE OR MATHEMATICS CREDIT BEGINNING WITH THE 2021‑2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. A. Article 1, Chapter 29, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑29‑17. Each high school shall offer a one‑half unit credit course in personal finance as either an elective or mathematics credit that students may use to complete graduation requirements. The curriculum for this course option shall incorporate financial literacy instruction competencies pursuant to Act 38 of 2005.”

B. The State Department of Education shall develop the curriculum for this coursework before July 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and begins with the 2021-2022 school year.

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