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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE PERSONAL FINANCE AND JOB
READINESS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE PERSONAL FINANCE AND JOB
READINESS ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-135 is amended to read as follows:

6-16-135. Personal and family finance ~~course content~~ standards.

(a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Career Education and subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop personal and family finance ~~course content guidelines and~~ standards. ~~recommend textbooks to be used in a personal finance course~~

(b) The ~~course content~~ standards shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ household budgets creation, checking accounts maintenance, basic consumer finance, debt management, credit management, insurance, and taxes the following material concerning personal and family finance:

(1) Income, including without limitation taxes;

(2) Money management, including without limitation:

(A) Household budget creation;

(B) Banking practices, including savings account and checking account maintenance;

(C) Insurance;



- 1 (D) Charitable giving; and
- 2 (E) Long-term financial planning;
- 3 (3) Spending and credit, including without limitation:
- 4 (A) Basic consumer finance;
- 5 (B) Identity fraud and theft;
- 6 (C) Home ownership;
- 7 (D) Debt management;
- 8 (E) Credit management;
- 9 (F) Bankruptcy; and
- 10 (G) Consumer protection;
- 11 (4) Saving and investing, including without limitation:
- 12 (A) Methods of saving;
- 13 (B) Methods of investing;
- 14 (C) Retirement planning;
- 15 (D) Risk and return; and
- 16 (E) Regulation of savings and investment; and
- 17 (5) Preparing for employment, including without limitation:
- 18 (A) Decision making and employment choices;
- 19 (B) Job seeking skills, including resume building and
- 20 interview skills;
- 21 (C) Understanding paychecks, including without limitation:
- 22 (i) I-9 forms;
- 23 (ii) W-4 forms; and
- 24 (iii) Income tax deductions;
- 25 (D) Employment benefits;
- 26 (E) Soft job skills, including without limitation:
- 27 (i) Communication;
- 28 (ii) Time management; and
- 29 (iii) Meeting basic employer expectations and
- 30 requirements;
- 31 (F) The differences between salaried and hourly
- 32 employment; and
- 33 (G) Overtime.
- 34 (c) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, each public high school
- 35 student shall be required before graduation to earn a credit in a course
- 36 taken in grade ten (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) that

includes the personal and family finance standards.

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