

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-12.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-12.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-12.1)  
7 Sec. 27-12.1. Consumer education.

8 (a) Pupils in the public schools in grades 9 through 12  
9 shall be taught and be required to study courses which include  
10 instruction in the area of consumer education, including but  
11 not necessarily limited to (i) understanding the basic concepts  
12 of financial literacy, including consumer debt and installment  
13 purchasing (including credit scoring, managing credit debt,  
14 and completing a loan application), budgeting, savings and  
15 investing, banking (including balancing a checkbook, opening a  
16 deposit account, and the use of interest rates), understanding  
17 simple contracts, State and federal income taxes, personal  
18 insurance policies, the comparison of prices, higher education  
19 student loans, identity-theft security, and homeownership  
20 (including the basic process of obtaining a mortgage and the  
21 concepts of fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, subprime  
22 loans, and predatory lending), and (ii) understanding the roles  
23 of consumers interacting with agriculture, business, labor

1 unions and government in formulating and achieving the goals of  
2 the mixed free enterprise system. The State Board of Education  
3 shall devise or approve the consumer education curriculum for  
4 grades 9 through 12 and specify the minimum amount of  
5 instruction to be devoted thereto.

6 (b) (Blank).

7 (c) The Financial Literacy Fund is created as a special  
8 fund in the State treasury. State funds and private  
9 contributions for the promotion of financial literacy shall be  
10 deposited into the Financial Literacy Fund. All money in the  
11 Financial Literacy Fund shall be used, subject to  
12 appropriation, by the State Board of Education to award grants  
13 to school districts for the following:

14 (1) Defraying the costs of financial literacy training  
15 for teachers.

16 (2) Rewarding a school or teacher who wins or achieves  
17 results at a certain level of success in a financial  
18 literacy competition.

19 (3) Rewarding a student who wins or achieves results at  
20 a certain level of success in a financial literacy  
21 competition.

22 (4) Funding activities, including books, games, field  
23 trips, computers, and other activities, related to  
24 financial literacy education.

25 In awarding grants, every effort must be made to ensure  
26 that all geographic areas of the State are represented.

1 (d) A school board may establish a special fund in which to  
2 receive public funds and private contributions for the  
3 promotion of financial literacy. Money in the fund shall be  
4 used for the following:

5 (1) Defraying the costs of financial literacy training  
6 for teachers.

7 (2) Rewarding a school or teacher who wins or achieves  
8 results at a certain level of success in a financial  
9 literacy competition.

10 (3) Rewarding a student who wins or achieves results at  
11 a certain level of success in a financial literacy  
12 competition.

13 (4) Funding activities, including books, games, field  
14 trips, computers, and other activities, related to  
15 financial literacy education.

16 (e) The State Board of Education, upon the next  
17 comprehensive review of the Illinois Learning Standards, is  
18 urged to include the basic principles of personal insurance  
19 policies and understanding simple contracts.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-863, eff. 1-1-09; 96-1061, eff. 7-14-10.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
22 2015.