

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1517**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public high school students to receive financial literacy instruction on higher education costs, student financial assistance, and cryptocurrencies.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum and  
2 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Every board of education shall include, in the curriculum of  
9 secondary students on financial, economic, business, and  
10 entrepreneurial literacy, instruction on:

- 11 a. the application process for financial aid for higher education;  
12 b. the costs of higher education and the different types of loans,  
13 grants, and other student assistance that may be available to pay  
14 those costs;  
15 c. a student's rights and responsibilities regarding student  
16 loans, including payment options and resources to aid in decision  
17 making; and  
18 d. cryptocurrencies, assessment of investment risk, and  
19 awareness of "get rich quick" scams.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
22 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 Current high school graduation requirements (N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1)  
28 include a requirement that a student complete at least 2.5 credits in  
29 financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy. This  
30 bill requires every board of education to include, in the curriculum  
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