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**An Act to Require Personal Finance to Be Taught as a Separate  
Course in Order for a Student to Obtain a High School Diploma**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 14, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland and  
Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, NANGLE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,  
Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, MURPHY of Scarborough, WOODSOME of  
Waterboro.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 202, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Social studies and history, including American history, government, and civics ~~and~~  
5 ~~personal finance~~--2 years or the equivalent in standards achievement;

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 202, §1, is  
7 further amended to read:

8 D. Science, including at least one year of laboratory study--2 years or the equivalent  
9 in standards achievement; ~~and~~

10 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 202, §1, is  
11 further amended to read:

12 E. Fine arts, which may include art, music, forensics or drama--one year or the  
13 equivalent in standards achievement; and

14 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

15 F. Personal finance--one course, which must be taught as a stand-alone course.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires high school students to complete a stand-alone course in personal  
18 finance to meet the minimum requirements for a high school diploma.