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LAW/RWH

Title 18A. Chapter 6. Article 16 (New) Financial Literacy Program §1 - C.18A:6-115

#### P.L. 2009, CHAPTER 153, *approved November 20, 2009* Assembly, No. 1943

AN ACT establishing a financial literacy pilot program in the
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# ASSEMBLY, No. 1943 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 2008

Sponsored by: Assemblyman GARY S. SCHAER District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic) Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT District 6 (Camden) Assemblyman ALBERT COUTINHO District 29 (Essex and Union) Assemblyman JOSEPH VAS District 19 (Middlesex)

#### **Co-Sponsored by:**

Assemblymen Wolfe, Chivukula, Ramos, Assemblywoman Jasey, Assemblymen Diegnan, Bramnick, Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblymen Chiusano, Moriarty, Assemblywoman Pou, Senators Sweeney, Bateman, Ruiz, Sarlo, Stack and Allen

#### SYNOPSIS

Establishes pilot program in Department of Education to provide instruction in personal finance to high school seniors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/19/2009)

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# STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1943

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1943.

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## SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1943

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: JANUARY 26, 2009

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1943.

This bill establishes a three-year pilot program to provide high school seniors in selected districts with a personal financial literacy course. The Commissioner of Education will select six districts for participation, two in each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the State. The goal of the pilot program will be to ensure that high school graduates in the pilot districts receive instruction on budgeting, savings and investment, credit card debt, and other issues associated with personal financial responsibility. At the conclusion of the pilot program, the commissioner will report to the Governor and the Legislature on the feasibility of implementing the program on a Statewide basis.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2211, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1943

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: MAY 14, 2009

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1943.

The bill establishes a three-year pilot program to provide high school seniors in selected districts with a personal financial literacy course. The Commissioner of Education will select six districts for participation, two in each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the State. The goal of the pilot program will be to ensure that high school graduates in the pilot districts receive instruction on budgeting, savings and investment, credit card debt, and other issues associated with personal financial responsibility. At the conclusion of the pilot program, the commissioner will report to the Governor and the Legislature on the feasibility of implementing the program on a Statewide basis.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that the cost of implementing the bill is dependent on the manner in which the pilot school districts choose to provide the financial literacy course. Additionally, the total cost would be impacted by the number of students taking the course, which would only be known after the pilot districts are selected. To address the ambiguity created by these two factors, this fiscal estimate presents a possible range of costs on a per pupil basis.

At one end of the spectrum, participating school districts might be able to reallocate current staff to teach the course. Under that scenario, there would be no additional cost associated with the program. At the other end of the spectrum, a participating district may need to hire an additional teacher for the course. The OLS estimates that this approach would cost \$377 per pupil in the first year.

This figure was derived as follows:

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While it is not possible to predict the precise manner in which the pilot districts would choose to provide the course, there are at least two reasons that a reallocation of current staff would appear to be the more likely approach. First, the Core Curriculum Content Standards for Career Education and Consumer, Family, and Life Skills currently require that students be instructed in various areas related to personal finance. As such, the pilot districts should have personnel capable of teaching such a course. Second, districts may be reluctant to hire new staff for a three-year pilot program.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE ASSEMBLY, No. 1943 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 2008

## SUMMARY

Synopsis:	Establishes pilot program in Department of Education to provide instruction in personal finance to high school seniors.
Type of Impact:	Possible expenditure increase from the General Fund or Property Tax Relief Fund.
Agencies Affected:	Department of Education

## Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$0 to \$377 per pupil	\$0 to \$388 per pupil	\$0 to \$400 per pupil

• The total cost of implementing Assembly, No. 1943 is dependent on two key factors: 1) whether the pilot districts reallocate current staff or hire new staff to teach the financial literacy course, and 2) the number of seniors who will take the course, which would be dependent on the districts that are selected to participate in the pilot program. The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the per pupil cost in the first year of implementation may range between \$0 (assuming that the course is taught by current staff) to \$376 per pupil (assuming an additional staff person is hired to teach the course). The maximum cost estimate is increased by 3 percent in the second and third years of the program.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 1943 of 2008 establishes a three-year pilot program to provide high school seniors with a course in personal financial literacy. The Commissioner of Education will select six districts, two in each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the State, to participate in the program. The commissioner will provide the selected districts with curriculum and instructional material and a grant to each participating district to defer any costs incurred by offering the course. At the conclusion of the program, the commissioner will provide a report to

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Legislative Budget and Finance Office Phone (609) 292-8030 Fax (609) 777-2442 www.njleg.state.nj.us the Governor and Legislature regarding the feasibility of implementing the program on a Statewide basis. The goal of the program will be to ensure that high school graduates in the pilot districts have received instruction on budgeting, savings and investment, credit card debt, and other issues associated with personal financial literacy.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

None received.

#### **OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

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Section:	Education
Analyst:	Allen T. Dupree Senior Fiscal Analyst
Approved:	David J. Rosen Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-1 et seq.).

# SENATE, No. 2211

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 16, 2008

Sponsored by: Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester) Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators Ruiz, Sarlo, Stack and Allen

#### **SYNOPSIS**

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#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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# STATEMENT TO

# **SENATE, No. 2211**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: JANUARY 26, 2009

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# STATEMENT TO

# **SENATE, No. 2211**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE SENATE, No. 2211 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 12, 2009

## SUMMARY

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Type of Impact:	Possible expenditure increase from the General Fund or Property Tax Relief Fund.
Agencies Affected:	Department of Education

## Office of Legislative Services Estimate

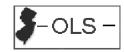
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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

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Section: Education Analyst: Allen T. Dupree Senior Fiscal Analyst Approved: David J. Rosen Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note. This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-1 et seq.).