

# HOUSE BILL 985

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public High Schools – Financial Literacy Curriculum and**  
3 **Graduation Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content  
5 for a certain financial literacy course; requiring each county board of education to  
6 implement the financial literacy curriculum content in every public high school in  
7 the county; requiring students to complete a certain course in order to graduate from  
8 a public high school; and generally relating to the development and implementation  
9 of a financial literacy curriculum that is required for graduation from a public high  
10 school in the State.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–205.5  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-205.5.**

2           **(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP CURRICULUM CONTENT FOR A**  
3 **HALF-SEMESTER-LONG COURSE IN FINANCIAL LITERACY.**

4           **(B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE FINANCIAL LITERACY**  
5 **CURRICULUM CONTENT DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (A)**  
6 **OF THIS SECTION IN EVERY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.**

7           **(C) A STUDENT SHALL COMPLETE A COURSE IN FINANCIAL LITERACY IN**  
8 **ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2022.