

By: Representative Gardner

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 490

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT A FINANCIAL
2 LITERACY CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to the curriculum otherwise required
6 by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in the public
7 schools of this state, the school board of a local school district
8 may implement a financial literacy curriculum for students in
9 Grades 9 through 12. In developing the curriculum, the school
10 board may review national programs and solicit free literature
11 from various nationally recognized programs. After a review of
12 the different programs, the school board may certify a program
13 that is most appropriate for the school district's needs for a
14 financial literacy curriculum. Any student in Grades 9 through 12
15 may participate in the financial literacy program. The program
16 must include, but not necessarily be limited to, instruction in
17 the same areas of personal business and finance as required under
18 Section 37-1-3(2)(b). The school board may coordinate with
19 volunteer teachers from local community organizations to offer the
20 financial literacy curriculum including, but not limited to,
21 representatives of the following: the United States Department of
22 Agriculture Rural Development; the United States Department of
23 Housing and Urban Development; Junior Achievement; financial
24 institutions; and other nonprofit organizations.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2012.

