HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2013.