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Referred to Committee on BANKS

Introduced by:  
(BA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL LITERACY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Department of  
2 Education and the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in  
3 consultation with the Department of Banking, shall develop a plan to  
4 ensure that each student of a public high school or a constituent unit,  
5 as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes, receives instruction  
6 in financial literacy, including, but not limited to, the impact of using  
7 credit cards and debit cards. Such instruction shall occur during a  
8 student's final year of high school and, for a student of a constituent  
9 unit, not later than such student's completion of his or her second  
10 semester at such constituent unit.

11 (b) The Department of Education and the Board of Regents for  
12 Higher Education shall work with the Department of Banking to  
13 leverage any available federal, state or private funds to implement the  
14 plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Education,

16 the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the  
17 Banking Commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of  
18 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banks  
19 on the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Board of Regents for  
21 Higher Education and the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
22 Colleges shall ensure that every student who applies for a credit card  
23 or debit card through a credit card or debit card issuer, as defined in  
24 Section 603(r) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681a, that  
25 advertises on the campus of an institution of higher education in this  
26 state receives one-on-one financial literacy counseling or a one-page  
27 financial literacy sheet that clearly and succinctly explains the financial  
28 implications, including incurring the cost of fees, associated with using  
29 such credit card or debit card.

30 (b) Every credit card and debit card issuer that advertises such card  
31 issuer's product on the campus of an institution of higher education in  
32 this state shall clearly educate each student applying for a credit card  
33 or debit card of each of the fees associated with using such credit card  
34 or debit card.

35 Sec. 3. Section 36a-155 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

37 (a) One or more banks, Connecticut credit unions or federal credit  
38 unions may establish, and use on a transaction fee basis, automated  
39 teller machines that are not satellite devices within this state, and use  
40 on a transaction fee basis automated teller machines that are not  
41 satellite devices located within this state or established outside this  
42 state. One or more banks, Connecticut credit unions or federal credit  
43 unions may establish satellite devices within this state and one or more  
44 banks, Connecticut credit unions or federal credit unions may use on a  
45 transaction fee basis satellite devices located within this state or  
46 established outside this state. Any bank, Connecticut credit union or

47 federal credit union may establish and use point of sale terminals.  
48 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the establishment or use of a  
49 point of sale terminal located within this state by a commercial  
50 establishment located within this state.

51 (b) The commissioner may adopt such regulations in accordance  
52 with the provisions of chapter 54 as may be necessary to carry out the  
53 purpose of sections 36a-155 to 36a-159, inclusive, and section 36a-170.  
54 Such regulations may include, but shall not be limited to: (1)  
55 Requirements for the filing of information with the commissioner by  
56 any financial institution, network or processor in connection with (A)  
57 the establishment or use of automated teller machines, point of sale  
58 terminals or similar retail electronic banking facilities in this state, (B)  
59 the provision of home banking services in this state, and (C) the  
60 provision of network or processing services in this state; (2) provisions  
61 concerning services that may be provided at automated teller  
62 machines, point of sale terminals or similar retail electronic banking  
63 facilities located in this state, or by means of home banking terminals  
64 located in this state, including services that may be offered on a  
65 proprietary basis; [and] (3) provisions concerning the safety of persons  
66 using automated teller machines or similar retail electronic banking  
67 facilities; and (4) a requirement that any automated teller machine  
68 located on the campus of an institution of higher education in this state  
69 display signage, either directly on or immediately adjacent to such  
70 machine, clearly notifying students of the additional fees such students  
71 may be charged if they use a credit card, debit card or other bank card  
72 that was issued by a card issuer, as defined in Section 603(r) of the Fair  
73 Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681a, that is not affiliated with the  
74 bank, Connecticut credit union or federal credit union that established  
75 such machine on campus. As used in this subsection, "financial  
76 institution" means any bank, Connecticut credit union, federal credit  
77 union, out-of-state bank or out-of-state credit union authorized under  
78 Connecticut or federal law to accept deposits within this state, or any  
79 other person having a place of business in this state who holds an

80 account belonging to a consumer and who agrees with the consumer to  
 81 provide electronic fund transfer services subject to the provisions of 12  
 82 CFR Part 205, as from time to time amended, at automated teller  
 83 machines, point of sale terminals or similar retail electronic banking  
 84 facilities in this state; "account" means a demand deposit, savings  
 85 deposit, share, member or other consumer asset account, held either  
 86 directly or indirectly, and established primarily for personal, family or  
 87 household purposes, including a line of credit extended to a consumer,  
 88 but not including an occasional or incidental credit balance in a credit  
 89 plan; "consumer" means a natural person residing in this state;  
 90 "network" means one or more financial institutions or other persons  
 91 that own and operate one or more network systems or facilities, or  
 92 provide communications or processing services to one or more  
 93 automated teller machines, point of sale terminals or similar retail  
 94 electronic banking facilities located in this state, or to one or more  
 95 home banking terminals located in this state; and "processor" means  
 96 one or more persons that provide communications, processing,  
 97 clearing, settlement or related services to one or more financial  
 98 institutions in connection with the operation of one or more automated  
 99 teller machines, point of sale terminals or similar retail electronic  
 100 banking facilities located in this state, or one or more home banking  
 101 terminals located in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	36a-155

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that students of public high schools and institutions of higher education in this state receive sufficient instruction, information and guidance to improve their financial literacy.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*