



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1033

LCO No. 4880



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
AND FINANCIAL LITERACY AS PART OF THE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (c) Commencing with classes graduating in 2023, and for each
5 graduating class thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall
6 permit any student to graduate from high school or grant a diploma to
7 any student who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum of twenty-
8 five credits, including not fewer than: (1) Nine credits in the humanities,
9 including civics and the arts; (2) nine credits in science, technology,
10 engineering and mathematics, including computer science; (3) one
11 credit in physical education and wellness; (4) one credit in health and
12 safety education, as described in section 10-16b; (5) one credit in world
13 languages, subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section; and
14 (6) a one credit mastery-based diploma assessment. At least one credit,

15 which may count toward the requirement described in subdivision (2)
16 of this subsection shall be in personal financial management.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Notwithstanding the provisions
18 of subsection (f) of section 10-221a of the general statutes, for the school
19 year commencing July 1, 2021, a credit in personal financial
20 management may cumulatively meet the forty-minute class period for
21 each school day requirement by taking separate courses that meet the
22 provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-221a of the
23 general statutes, as amended by this act, in grades nine to twelve,
24 inclusive, and shall be considered a cross-curricular graduation
25 requirement pursuant to subsection (g) of said section 10-221a, provided
26 a portion of the curriculum for such credits corresponds to the subject
27 matter of personal financial management.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-221a(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To include computer science and financial literacy instruction in the high school graduation requirements.

[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.]