

HOUSE BILL No. 1246

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-55.

Synopsis: Financial literacy education. Requires a person who is at least 18 years of age and is a member of a family that receives TANF or SNAP benefits to complete a course of instruction on financial literacy that is established by the department of education (department). Requires the department to establish and administer a course of instruction on financial literacy. Requires the department to submit an annual report to the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly that contains certain information regarding the course of instruction on financial literacy.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 55. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families;**
5 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Financial Literacy**
6 **Education**

7 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a person who is:**

8 **(1) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and**

9 **(2) a:**

10 **(A) member of a family that receives TANF (as defined in**
11 **IC 12-7-2-189.7) benefits; or**

12 **(B) recipient of SNAP (as defined in IC 12-7-2-178.9)**
13 **benefits.**

14 **Sec. 2. (a) The department shall establish and administer a**
15 **course of instruction on financial literacy that a person described**
16 **in section 1 of this chapter shall complete.**

17 **(b) To carry out subsection (a), the department may cooperate**



1 **with a reputable association or organization having as an objective**
2 **the promotion of financial literacy.**

3 **(c) The course of instruction described in subsection (a) shall:**
4 **(1) be offered to a person described in section 1 of this chapter**
5 **at no cost;**
6 **(2) be offered in person, online, and in a hybrid in person and**
7 **online format;**
8 **(3) comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C.**
9 **12101 et seq.); and**
10 **(4) be trauma informed and culturally responsive.**

11 **Sec. 3. Upon completing the course of instruction described in**
12 **section 2(a) of this chapter, the department shall:**

13 **(1) give a person described in section 1 of this chapter a**
14 **certificate of completion; and**
15 **(2) provide information about relevant community programs**
16 **to a person described in section 1 of this chapter.**

17 **Sec. 4. The department may provide incentives for completing**
18 **the course of instruction described in section 2(a) of this chapter.**

19 **Sec. 5. Not later than December 31 of each year, the department**
20 **shall submit to the executive director of the legislative services**
21 **agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly a**
22 **report listing the number of persons described in section 1 of this**
23 **chapter who have completed the course of instruction described in**
24 **section 2(a) of this chapter in the preceding calendar year.**

25 **Sec. 6. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
26 **implement this chapter.**

