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 6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING EDUCATION LAWS; ESTABLISHING
 7 THAT CERTAIN STATUTORY DEFINITIONS APPLY TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE; PROVIDING A
 8 DEFINITION OF "FINANCIAL LITERACY"; ~~DESCRIBING COURSEWORK THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE~~
 9 ~~BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD~~
 10 ~~OF PUBLIC EDUCATION~~; AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 20-1-101 ~~AND 20-7-111~~, MCA; AND
 11 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 15 **Section 1.** Section 20-1-101, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"20-1-101. Definitions.** As used in this title and in administrative rules implementing this title, unless
 17 the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- 18 (1) "Accreditation standards" means the body of administrative rules governing standards such as:
 - 19 (a) school leadership;
 - 20 (b) educational opportunity;
 - 21 (c) academic requirements;
 - 22 (d) program area standards;
 - 23 (e) content and performance standards;
 - 24 (f) school facilities and records;
 - 25 (g) student assessment; and
 - 26 (h) general provisions.
- 27 (2) "Aggregate hours" means the hours of pupil instruction for which a school course or program is
 28 offered or for which a pupil is enrolled.

1 title and the policies adopted by the board of public education and who is employed by a district as a member of
2 its instructional, supervisory, or administrative staff. This definition of a teacher includes a person for whom an
3 emergency authorization of employment has been issued under the provisions of 20-4-111.

4 ~~(30)~~(31) "Textbook" means a book, digital resource, or manual used as a principal source of study
5 material for a given class or group of students.

6 ~~(31)~~(32) "Textbook dealer" means a party, company, corporation, or other organization selling, offering
7 to sell, or offering for adoption textbooks to districts in the state.

8 ~~(32)~~(33) "Trustees" means the governing board of a district.

9 ~~(33)~~(34) "University" means the university of Montana-Missoula.

10 ~~(34)~~(35) "Vocational-technical education" means vocational-technical education of vocational-technical
11 students that is conducted by a unit of the Montana university system, a community college, or a tribally
12 controlled community college, as designated by the board of regents."
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14 **Section 2. Section 20-7-111, MCA, is amended to read:**

15 **~~"20-7-111. — Instruction in public schools. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) (3), the board of~~**
16 **~~public education shall define and specify the basic instructional program for pupils in public schools, and this~~**
17 **~~program must be set forth in the standards of accreditation. Other instruction may be given when approved by~~**
18 **~~the board of trustees.~~**

19 ~~(2) — The basic high school instructional program may include but is not limited to coursework in the~~
20 ~~following:~~

21 ~~(a) — English language arts;~~

22 ~~(b) — mathematics;~~

23 ~~(c) — science;~~

24 ~~(d) — social studies, which may include coursework in civics or government;~~

25 ~~(e) — career and technical education;~~

26 ~~(f) — arts;~~

27 ~~(g) — health and physical education;~~

28 ~~(h) — world languages; and~~

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1 ~~(i) — economics and financial literacy.~~

2 ~~(2)(3) — The trustees of a school district shall ensure that all pupils in grades 3 through 12 receive~~

3 ~~instruction about the United States constitution and the pledge of allegiance."~~

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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AMENDED