

Passage of Financial Literacy Education Requirement for PA Students

By April Hutcheson

Harrisburg, Pa. – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today applauded the passage of the first-ever financial literacy education requirement for Pennsylvania high school students.

“It has long been a goal of mine to have financial literacy taught in our public schools,” Auditor General DeFoor said. “I want to congratulate Sen. Chris Gebhard for championing this legislation and getting it across the finish line. Knowing how to Be Money Smart is one of the best lessons a student can learn to set themselves up for future financial success.”

Act 35 of 2023 requires all public schools to teach a half a credit of personal financial literacy for high school students starting with the 2026-2027 school year.

“In today’s ever-changing landscape, it is crucial that young people enter the world prepared for all facets of daily life, most especially the financial realities of adulthood,” Kasey Roberts, Pennsylvania YMCA Youth and Government Program Director said. “YMCAs across Pennsylvania serve young people every day and we are grateful that this issue has been recognized and addressed by our elected officials. We welcome the opportunities this will provide teens across the Commonwealth and look forward to the continued progress towards our common goal.”

The legislation also directs the Department of Education to develop a curriculum for the class, working with organizations specializing in financial literacy education.

“Our commitment to equipping schools with everything they need to provide high-quality financial education to students is unwavering,” Kerry Woodward, Philadelphia Financial Scholars Executive Director, said. “We are ready to continue to deliver and bring simulation-rich curriculum and paid professional development to support teachers in delivering financial empowerment education to students.”

DeFoor has spent the last two years promoting financial literacy across the state as part of his Be Money Smart initiative. Since the initiative launched in 2021, DeFoor has: Completed a statewide financial literacy tour to raise awareness about the need for financial literacy legislation in Pennsylvania; Visited all state and state related universities in Pennsylvania to talk about job and internship opportunities within the department and the importance of knowing how your money works; Met with students participating in the State YMCA of Pennsylvania Youth and Government program and visited several YMCAs across the state to talk about financial literacy; Worked with Junior Achievement to emphasize financial literacy messages to elementary school students; Partnered with local financial institutions to provide financial literacy resources to the public; and Partnered with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and Members 1st to coordinate a statewide financial literacy competition for high school students in Pennsylvania. For more information on the Department of the Auditor General and the Be Money Smart initiative, visit <https://www.paauditor.gov/> and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

NCC Offers Intro to Fire Service Training Learn The Foundational Firefighting Skills That Save Lives

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA – Northampton Community College, in partnership with the Northampton County Fire School, is offering an entry-level fire training course designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information necessary for being in the field. The program will provide an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment, tools and emergency lighting, and backing apparatus. This is the first of five levels (courses) in the curriculum.

The “Introduction to the Fire Service” class will meet Thursday, Jan. 4, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 6, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Thursday, Jan. 11, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., at the Northampton County Fire School, located at 6 Nagys Hill Road in Bangor, PA.

The program is free to Northampton County Responders thanks to a sponsorship from Northampton County Emergency Management. Tuition for non-Northampton County Responders is \$165.

To register, interested participants should visit www.ncfireschool.org. To view courses, click on “Search for Scheduled Courses” in the left-side navigation bar and select “All Fire” from the dropdown menu. Registration occurs through the Student Portal in the navigation bar. First-time registrants will need to create their account following the prompted instructions. For questions, please email safety@northampton.edu.

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