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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Brian S. Dempsey**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring financial literacy courses in high school.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act requiring financial literacy courses in high school.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1 . Section 2 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: -

                In all public high schools a course shall be taught on personal financial literacy which shall include, but not be limited to instruction in the following areas: Understanding interest, credit card debt, and online commerce; Rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; Savings and investing; Planning for retirement; Bankruptcy; Banking and financial services; Balancing a checkbook; Understanding loans and borrowing money, including predatory lending and payday loans; Understanding insurance; Identity fraud and theft; Charitable giving; Understanding the financial impact and consequences of gambling; Earning an income; and Understanding state and federal taxes