1   _____ BILL NO. _____

2   INTRODUCED BY _____
                                                      (Primary Sponsor)

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL INSTRUCTION;

5   REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS TO

6   INCLUDE COURSE OFFERINGS IN PERSONAL FINANCE AND, IF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS A

7   GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, TO OFFER COURSES IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING THAT MEET THAT

8   REQUIREMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12   **Section 1.** Section 20-7-111, MCA, is amended to read:

13   "**20-7-111.   Instruction in public schools.** The (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the board of

14   public education shall define and specify the basic instructional program for pupils in public schools, and such

15   the program shall must be set forth in the standards of accreditation. Other instruction may be given when

16   approved by the board of trustees.

17   (2)   A board of trustees of a high school district shall:

18   (a)   as part of its math course offerings that meet district graduation requirements, offer a course in

19   personal finance of at least one-half unit; and

20   (b)   if it requires foreign language courses as part of district graduation requirements, offer courses in

21   software programming that may be taken in lieu of foreign language courses to meet the requirements."

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23   NEW SECTION. **Section 2.   Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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