

## AG Fitch Commends Passage of Financial Literacy for MS Students



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*Lynn Fitch*

**(Jackson, Mississippi)** Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch commended the passage of SB 2294 into law, which includes language to require the Mississippi Department of Education to implement a financial literacy curriculum for students in grades 6-12.

"When Mississippians have the knowledge to make informed decisions about their finances, they become better consumers, homeowners, and entrepreneurs," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "I am grateful to our Legislature for prioritizing this important life skill, and I am grateful to Mississippi's educators for their commitment to teaching this important curriculum. Together we can better equip future generations and create a stronger, more resilient Mississippi."

A broad coalition of leading community organizations supports this legislation:

"This is an initiative Attorney General Lynn Fitch has championed since her time as State Treasurer, and the MBA has proudly supported it from the beginning. Establishing a financial literacy graduation requirement is essential to providing a well-rounded education for Mississippi's students, and it's incredibly rewarding to see this effort reach the finish line. Congratulations to everyone involved, including committee chairs Senator Dennis DeBar and Representative Rob Roberson. The MBA is excited about what this means for our state, and our bankers stand ready to support schools as they implement this important new course," **said Gordon Fellows, President and CEO of the Mississippi Bankers Association**.

"The Mississippi Association of REALTORS® takes pride in our efforts to advocate for programs, grants, and opportunities that lead to higher rates of property ownership in our great state. Our Association has continued to advocate for financial literacy classes in our schools with the intent of providing students with the tools needed to reach their financial goals. A key part of the American dream is owning a home, and students who understand the fundamentals of saving, budgeting, and investing are one step closer to laying the cornerstone of financial stability with the purchase of their first home," **said 2026 Mississippi REALTORS® President DeShawn Davis**.

"Too many students graduate without the basic financial skills they need to succeed. Expanding financial literacy across K-12 and postsecondary education helps ensure young people can manage debt, build savings, and enter the workforce with

confidence. That's critical to strengthening Mississippi's economy long-term," **said Mississippi Business Alliance (MSBA) President & CEO John McKay.**

Senators Daniel Sparks and Nicole Boyd and Representative Rob Roberson introduced General Fitch's financial literacy legislation this year. Today, SB 2294 was signed by Governor Reeves and will take effect July 1, 2026.

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