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## HCS CSSB 99 (EDC) Explanation of Changes

Version 33-LS0498\R to 33-LS0498\D

The House Education Committee adopted the following changes:

1. Section 1 (a) is amended by adding the language in lines 8 – 13:

“The department shall curate and make available to school districts a list of open educational resources that are approved by the department that in combination address the topics listed in (1) -(14) of this subsection. The list shall include open educational resources that address the topic listed in (15) of this subsection if those resources are available. The department shall update this list at least once every five years.”

This language was adopted by the committee to further direct DEED to curate open/free financial literacy resources for school districts. This language is intended to help ease the burden on school districts new to teaching financial literacy.

2. Section 1 is amended by adding a new section (b) in lines 26 – 29:

“(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a school may issue a secondary school diploma to a student who has not completed the program described in (a) of this section if the student transferred into the school district from another school district, state, or country after completing grade 10.”

This language was modeled after the exemption in the Alaska Studies statute. The committee adopted this language to allow for flexibility in the requirement for students who may move into a school district during high school.

3. Definitions for Section 1 are re-lettered under sub-section (c). One additional definition is added:

“(1) “open educational resource” means learning, teaching, or research material in any format that resides in the public domain or is under copyright and has been released under an open license that permits access at no cost as well as reuse, repurpose, adaptation, and redistribution by others;”