

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2459

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5 By: Representative Harris  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL  
10 COOPERATIVES TO USE CERTAIN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
11 SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
12 SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO USE THE ARKANSAS  
15 PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, all school  
22 districts and educational cooperatives shall, as a minimum, use the following  
23 financial management systems applications of the Arkansas Public School  
24 Computer Network:

25 (1) Fund Accounting, including all activity funds;

26 (2) Budget Preparation;

27 (3) Human Resources; and

28 (4) Fixed Assets.

29 (b) Upon approval by the Department of Education, a school district  
30 may use a different software system at the district level if:

31 (1) The Department determines that the district's software meets  
32 the minimum reporting requirements provided by the Arkansas Public School  
33 Computer Network; and

34 (2) The district supplies all district transaction information  
35 to the Arkansas Public School Computer Network in a compatible format and in  
36 sufficient detail as required by the department.



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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the State of Arkansas needs timely and accurate financial data relating to the funding and expenditures of the various school districts in the state in order to fulfill its constitutional mandates to provide education to the children of Arkansas; that the Arkansas School Computer Network establishes a tool whereby timely and comparable information may be gathered pertaining to the funding and expenditures of the various public schools in the state; and that it is vital that this information be provided to the Department of Education and the General Assembly in a timely manner. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.