

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
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5 By: Senator Broadway
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 845

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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16 EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVES TO USE CERTAIN
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18 APPLICATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
19 SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, all school
25 districts and educational cooperatives shall, as a minimum, use the following
26 financial management systems applications of the Arkansas Public School
27 Computer Network:

- 28 (1) Fund accounting, including all activity funds;
29 (2) Budget preparation;
30 (3) Human resources; and
31 (4) Fixed assets.

32 (b) After approval by the Department of Education, a school district
33 may use a different software system at the district level if:

34 (1) The department determines that the district's software meets
35 the minimum reporting requirements provided by the Arkansas Public School
36 Computer Network; and



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

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

18 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

19 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
20 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
21 bill; or

22 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
23 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.