

I move that the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee request the Arkansas Department of Education to implement APSCN coding changes necessary to facilitate the collection of data for the following purposes. These changes should not be optional.

School improvement provider accounting records:

The funding paid to external providers should be recorded at the school level. Coding is needed for vendors used in response to school improvement status requirements. This should be maintained for the expenditure of SIG grant funding as well as other revenue sources used for school improvement providers.

Parental involvement efforts:

A coding method of tracking federal funds being used for parental involvement efforts is currently being developed. That coding methodology should be used for state funds as well.

Teacher absentee reporting:

The information is currently being reported as Teacher Leave Total (Days). According to ADE this measure is an **optional** field for districts to enter, and they use the same database field differently, depending upon whether the employee is salaried or hourly. Recording of this data should not be optional and should be recorded uniformly by the districts. These changes should be implemented to be effective for the 2012-2013 school year. Approximately 205 of the 239 school districts are already entering this information.