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.

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By: Representative Harris

A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVES TO USE CERTAIN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO USE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, all school districts and educational cooperatives shall, as a minimum, use the following financial management systems applications of the Arkansas Public School Computer Network:

(1) Fund Accounting, including all activity funds;
(2) Budget Preparation;
(3) Human Resources; and
(4) Fixed Assets.

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

(1) The Department determines that the district's software meets the minimum reporting requirements provided by the Arkansas Public School Computer Network; and
(2) The district supplies all district transaction information to the Arkansas Public School Computer Network in a compatible format and in sufficient detail as required by the department.
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.

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