

1 SB90  
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3 By Senator Holtzclaw  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation Education  
5 First Read: 03-MAR-15

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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the School Fiscal Accountability Act; to  
12 add Section 16-13A-14 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to  
13 authorize local boards of education to utilize approved  
14 electronic methods to disburse and receive funds and complete  
15 other financial transactions; and to repeal Sections 16-8-37  
16 and 16-11-24, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the  
17 publication of annual financial reports to the public by city  
18 and county boards of education.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. Section 16-13A-14 is added to the Code of  
21 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

22 §16-13A-14.

23 (a) A local board of education may adopt fiscal  
24 management policies which allow financial transactions to be  
25 made by electronic means according to standards approved by  
26 the State Superintendent of Education and the Department of  
27 Examiners of Public Accounts.

1 (b) All of the following transactions of a local  
2 board of education or school may be conducted by electronic  
3 methods:

4 (1) Payments to employees by direct deposit, bank  
5 cards, electronic checks, or other electronic means.

6 (2) Payments and deposits to vendors, contractors,  
7 government agencies, and other payees by bank drafts,  
8 electronic checks, purchasing cards, procurement cards, bank  
9 cards, or other electronic means.

10 (3) Receipt of payments for students by credit  
11 cards, debit cards, bank drafts, or other electronic means.

12 (4) Receipt of funds for donations, fundraising,  
13 admission charges, fees, fines, and other purposes by credit  
14 cards, debit cards, bank drafts, or other electronic means.

15 (5) Receipt of funds from government agencies and  
16 other payees by bank drafts, electronic checks, purchasing  
17 cards, procurement cards, bank cards, or other electronic  
18 means.

19 (6) Purchase orders, purchase requisitions, and  
20 other procurement documents which do not require a notarized  
21 signature.

22 (7) Other financial transactions included in the  
23 standards approved by the State Superintendent of Education  
24 and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

25 Section 2. The State Superintendent of Education  
26 shall annually provide to each local superintendent of  
27 education a listing of financial and other reports required to

1 be published on the website of the local board of education  
2 and a listing of reports that are published on the State  
3 Department of Education website that provide accountability  
4 information to the public. In addition to the website posting,  
5 the office of each local superintendent of education shall  
6 give notice by placing a display advertisement, of at least  
7 one-half page in size, once in a newspaper of general  
8 circulation in the county that satisfies the requirements for  
9 publication of legal notices as provided in Sections 6-8-60  
10 and 6-8-64, Code of Alabama 1975. The advertisement shall  
11 contain the listing of the reports available on the website  
12 and the website address.

13 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
14 with this act are repealed, and Sections 16-8-37 and 16-11-24,  
15 Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the publication of annual  
16 financial reports to the public by city and county boards of  
17 education, respectively, are specifically repealed.

18 Section 4. This act shall become effective  
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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committee on Finance and Taxation Education ..... 03-MAR-15

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dar 1 amendment..... 02-APR-15

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Yeas 11  
Nays 19

Patrick Harris  
Secretary