

**EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOV'T
November 17, 2011
EXHIBIT 6**

Education and Local Government Committee
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Request for Committee Motion of support for grant application

Background:

The Office of Public Instruction in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is preparing an application to the U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics) for a Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) grant. The application will focus on linkages between K-12 education and postsecondary education. The grant application is due on December 15, 2011. The Office of Public Instruction has requested a Letter of Support from the interim Education and Local Government Committee.

Proposed Motion:

To direct the staff of the Education and Local Government Committee to work with the Office of Public Instruction to draft a letter of support, for the committee chairperson's signature, for the State's grant application. The letter will indicate that the State's grant application supports the legislature's directive in Senate Bill 329 for the superintendent of public instruction to gather, maintain, and distribute longitudinal, actionable data. Actionable data is essential for the promotion of academic improvement.

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