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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Vaping/E-Cigarettes School Incident Reporting (SIR) System Codes

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has updated the School Incident Reporting System (SIR) effective immediately. The SIR System now includes state codes and descriptions/definitions for vaping offenses. In addition to data collection related to vaping offenses, each system should continue to report violations of E-Cigarettes that can include the "I Quit Ordinary Smoking" (IQOS) heat stick device and tobacco offenses.

This information is not only vital for the local district but is important for state officials, as lawsuits are already being filed due to the use of marketing these type of products to minors. This is much like what occurred in 1998 when the settlement funds received from the Alabama Tobacco suits were deposited into the Children's First Trust Fund.

School systems are encouraged to use the following reporting codes and descriptions for vaping as well as previously issued codes/descriptions for E-Cigarettes and tobacco offences.

**Vape/Vapor, Possession – SIR Code 60**

- Possession of a device used to inhale or exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.

**Vape/Vapor, Usage - SIR Code 61**

- Using a device used to inhale and exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.

**Vape/Vapor, Sale - SIR Code 62**

- Selling of a device used to inhale and exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.

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E-Cigarettes, Possession – SIR Code 63

- Possession of a device used to produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.

E-Cigarettes, Usage – SIR Code 64

- Using a device to produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that contains nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.

E-Cigarettes, Sale – SIR Code 65

- Selling a device used to produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine and/or flavoring or other substances.
- IQOS – Heat stick cigarette – pen-/stick-like device (would be included under the E-Cigarette infractions).

Tobacco, Possession – SIR Code 32

- The possession of tobacco products on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, and on transportation to and from school or other school-sponsored transportation.

Tobacco, Sale – SIR Code 33

- The sale/transfer of tobacco products on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, and on transportation to and from school or other school-sponsored transportation.

Tobacco, Use – SIR Code 34

- The use of tobacco products on school grounds, at school sponsored events, and on transportation to and from school or other school-sponsored transportation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Ayanna Long by telephone at (334) 694-4717 or by email at [along@alsde.edu](mailto:along@alsde.edu).

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