



HB704 MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM - STUDENT DATA AND GOVERNING BOARD

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **HB704 Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Student Data and Governing Board**. This bill adds juvenile delinquency records and discipline records to the types of data that are collected and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center; under current law these records are specifically excluded. The bill adds the Department of Juvenile Services to the entities required to provide data sets to the MLDS Center and adds the Secretary of Juvenile Services to the Governing Board of the MLDS Center. The bill also makes changes to the definition of “student data” and the types of data that entities are required to transfer to the MLDS Center.

The Maryland Longitudinal Data System is intended to track student performance over time. A student’s criminal records or school discipline records do not and should not fall into the student performance category because delinquency records and discipline records speak to a student’s behavior, not performance. In addition, the general reference to “discipline records” is vague and overly broad as the bill does not specify what information would be included. Pursuant to student privacy law, delinquency records cannot be part of a student’s educational record. Tracking this information the Maryland Longitudinal Data System would make delinquency records a part of a student’s education record, which is inconsistent with student privacy laws.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB704.