

## Chapter 679

(Senate Bill 945)

AN ACT concerning

### Higher Education – Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Governing Board and Data Transfers

FOR the purpose of adding the President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, or the President's designee, to the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; requiring private nonprofit institutions of higher education that receive State funds to transfer certain student data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in accordance with a certain plan; establishing that a certain institution of higher education or postsecondary education that transfers or discloses student-level data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in accordance with a certain plan is not liable for a breach of confidentiality or a disclosure, use, retention, or destruction of the data that results from an act or omission by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center, a State agency, or a certain person; establishing that if the Maryland Independent College and University Association transfers or discloses student-level data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System or a State agency on behalf of a private nonprofit institution of higher education in accordance with a certain plan, the association is not liable for a breach of confidentiality or a disclosure, use, retention, or destruction of the data that results from an act or omission by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center, a State agency, or a certain person; and generally relating to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 24–701(a), (b), and (d) and 24–704(a) and (g)(6)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 24–704(b) and 24–707  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article – Education

24–701.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Center” means the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center.
- (d) “Governing Board” means the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center.

24–704.

- (a) There is a Governing Board of the Center.
- (b) The Governing Board shall include the following members:
  - (1) The Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary’s designee;
  - (2) The Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor’s designee;
  - (3) The President of Morgan State University, or the President’s designee;
  - (4) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent’s designee;
  - (5) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary’s designee;
  - (6) A representative of local superintendents of schools, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;
  - (7) The Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, or the Executive Director’s designee; [and]
  - (8) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE; AND**
  - [(8) (9)** Four members of the public, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

- (g) The Governing Board shall:

- (6) Before the incorporation of any individual data in the Maryland Longitudinal Data System:

- (i) Create an inventory of the individual student data:
  - 1. Proposed to be maintained in the system; and
  - 2. Required to be reported by State and federal education mandates;
- (ii) Develop and implement policies to comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and any other privacy measures, as required by law or the Governing Board; and
- (iii) Develop a detailed data security and safeguarding plan that includes:
  - 1. Authorized access and authentication for authorized access;
  - 2. Privacy compliance standards;
  - 3. Privacy and security audits;
  - 4. Breach notification and procedures; and
  - 5. Data retention and disposition policies;

24–707.

(a) Local education agencies, community colleges, public senior higher education institutions, and State agencies shall:

(1) Make every effort to comply with the data requirements and implementation schedule for the Maryland Longitudinal Data System as set forth by the Governing Board; and

(2) Transfer student–level and transcript–level data and workforce data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan developed under § 24–704(g)(6) of this subtitle.

(b) Private secondary schools may transfer student data and workforce data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan developed under § 24–704(g)(6) of this subtitle.

(c) **(1)** For–profit [and] **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**, private nonprofit institutions of higher education **THAT DO NOT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS**, and institutions of postsecondary education that are required to register under §

11–202.2 of this article shall transfer student–level enrollment data, degree data, and financial aid data for all Maryland residents to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan developed under § 24–704(g)(6) of this subtitle.

**(2) PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS SHALL TRANSFER STUDENT–LEVEL ENROLLMENT DATA, DEGREE DATA, FINANCIAL AID DATA, AND CREDIT DATA FOR ALL STUDENTS TO THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DATA SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDING PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER § 24–704(G)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

**(3) AN INSTITUTION THAT TRANSFERS OR DISCLOSES STUDENT–LEVEL DATA UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR A BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OR FOR A DISCLOSURE, USE, RETENTION, OR DESTRUCTION OF THE DATA THAT RESULTS FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION BY:**

**(I) THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER;**

**(II) A STATE AGENCY; OR**

**(III) A PERSON PROVIDED ACCESS TO THE DATA BY THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER OR A STATE AGENCY.**

**(4) IF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION TRANSFERS OR DISCLOSES STUDENT–LEVEL DATA TO THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM OR A STATE AGENCY ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT LIABLE FOR A BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OR FOR A DISCLOSURE, USE, RETENTION, OR DESTRUCTION OF THE DATA THAT RESULTS FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION BY:**

**(I) THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER;**

**(II) A STATE AGENCY; OR**

**(III) A PERSON PROVIDED ACCESS TO THE DATA BY THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER OR A STATE AGENCY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**