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Bill Number: House Bill 850 Position: Letter of Information
Title: Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Transfer of Student Data - Modifications
Committee: House Ways & Means Committee
Hearing Date: February 19, 2020

Bill Summary:

House Bill 850 would repeal certain provisions of law on the collection of identifying information on certificates and licenses. It would require certain licensing authorities to make certain efforts to comply with certain data requirements and a certain implementation schedule of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System, and to transfer student data in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan; requiring certain industry certifiers to comply with certain data requirements and a certain implementation schedule set forth by the Governing Board.

Position:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed House Bill 850 and supports its passage. House Bill 850 would no longer require MHEC to be an intermediary data collector of business license data that was part of the 2018 Career Preparation Expansion Act (SB978). Instead, House Bill 850 directs the Licensing Authorities and Industry Certifiers to provide data directly to the MLDS Center. House Bill 850 would retain the requirement from sections a, b and c of the 2018 SB978 that direct MHEC to provide data to the MLDS Center regarding credit and non-credit vocational certificates. The statutory revisions presented in House Bill 850 would streamline the sharing of data needed to ensure that the MLDS Center has relevant educational and workforce data to fulfill its purpose.

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