



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Brian Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
The Honorable Cheryl Kagan
Vice Chair, Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – SB1042 –Education – Armed Services
Vocational Aptitude Battery – Student Information

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC), I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on SB 1042 *Education -Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) – Student Information*, sponsored by Senator Gile. This bill will require public schools to notify students taking the ASVAB and their parents/guardians of the option to prohibit the release of a student’s ASVAB test scores to armed forces and National Guard recruiters.

SB1042 simplifies the process for parents and guardians of minors who take the SVAB. Under current law, parents/guardians must provide consent for minor students to take the ASVAB and then must provide additional consent to have the test scores shared with armed forces and National Guard recruiters. This bill simplifies the process by establishing an opt-out process whereby parents/guardians can opt-out from having their student’s ASVAB scores shared with recruiters, as opposed to opting-in to have the scores shared. Under this new structure, parents/guardians who want scores to be shared with recruiters need only provide consent when the minor student signs up to take the ASVAB. Parents/guardians who don’t want their student’s ASVB scores shared with recruiters can so indicate, and parents/guardians who want scores to be shared need not take any action.

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The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB10428** and asks for a ***FAVORABLE*** report from the Committee

The Maryland Military Coalition is a non-partisan organization of 21 Veteran organizations representing over 150,000 Maryland uniformed services men and women and their families -- almost half of the 355,000 veterans in the State.

We want to thank Senator Gile for sponsoring this legislation and for her support of the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayson Spiegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jayson" and last name "Spiegel" clearly distinguishable.

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