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**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (SB 1042)  
For Brigadier General Andrew W. Collins**

**Good afternoon, Chairman Feldman and members of the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment.** My name is Brigadier General Andrew Collins. I am here today to advocate for a favorable report for Senate Bill 1042, which addresses a critical issue regarding the release of students' Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores in our state.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a valuable resource that offers students insights into various occupational fields and helps predict their future academic and occupational success. By allowing military recruiters access to ASVAB scores, we can better assist young individuals in identifying suitable career paths, including opportunities within the Maryland National Guard.

Currently, Maryland law prohibits public schools from sharing ASVAB scores with military recruiters without explicit parental consent.

Senate Bill 1042 proposes a reasonable solution by replacing the current prohibition with a requirement for parental notification, allowing parents a two-week window to choose whether to release ASVAB scores to any entity.

Repealing this portion of Maryland law would not only uphold the privacy rights of students but also empower them with informed consent and essential career information. Each year, approximately 5,000 Maryland students voluntarily take the ASVAB test, demonstrating their interest in exploring career paths and opportunities.

This approach strikes a balance between safeguarding student privacy and ensuring that our youth, especially our underserved populations, have access to valuable career information and opportunities.

Furthermore, repealing this portion of Maryland law would incur no additional costs or administrative burdens for any entity involved. It simply grants students the autonomy to decide how and when they share private information regarding their career aspirations.

I urge you to give a favorable report to Senate Bill 1042 to benefit our youth, our Maryland National Guard, and the future of our state.

Thank you.

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# 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.

Jayson Spiegel  
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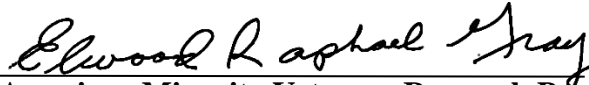
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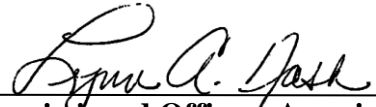
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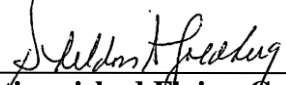
  
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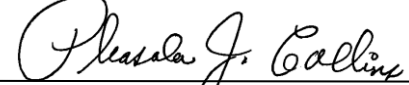
  
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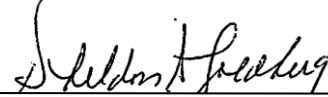
  
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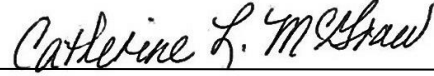
  
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**Testimony in Support of SB1042 - Education - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude  
Battery - Student Information**

Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Rather than rely on an opt-in for sharing Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores, SB1042 would require each public school that administers the ASVAB to notify students (and their parents or guardians) two weeks before administering the test of the option to opt-out of the release of a student's personal information and test scores to military recruiters.

**Background**

Each public school that provides access to its buildings and ground or student information directory to any person or group that makes students aware of occupational or educational options must provide access on the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of Maryland and the United States for the purpose of informing students of education and career opportunities available in the military.

A public school must provide notice in a specified manner to each student and to their parent or guardian that, in accordance with federal law, they may request that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to military recruiters. Twice each year, as specified, the principal of each public school must submit a list to the county board of education that includes the name, address, and telephone number of each student whose contact information is not released to military recruiters.

Each public school that administers the ASVAB must (1) send a written notice to the ASVAB representative coordinating the school's administration of the ASVAB of this requirement and (2) notify students taking the ASVAB and the parent or guardian of students taking the ASVAB of the release of student information requirements. A student or their parent or guardian may choose to release the student's personal information and ASVAB scores by individually submitting the required forms to the military services authorizing the release of the information to recruiting representatives of the military services, registered apprenticeship programs, youth apprenticeship programs, and employers registered with the Maryland Department of Labor or

local Workforce Development Boards.

Because the onus is currently on busy students and parents to proactively share their scores, military recruiters miss out on identifying eligible potential service members and students miss out on all the opportunities that serving provides.

**Solution**

SB1042 would:

- Maintain privacy rights of students and parents to withhold sharing ASVAB scores.
- Change the requirement to opt-in to sharing scores to an opt-out.

Per the Fiscal Note, SB1042 would not require additional state or local resources. For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB1042.