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

Madame Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and Members of the House Ways and Means 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. SB1042 is the same posture as its cross-file, HB1492, which this committee held a hearing on last Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB1042.