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House Bill 823

(Delegate Bobo, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Public School Students - Inspection of Records - Prohibitions on Use and
Disclosure of Information**

This bill authorizes a custodian of student information to permit inspection of a student's home address or phone number by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). If MHEC, an organization, a community college, or an authorized person receives students' home addresses or phone numbers from a custodian, the information may not be used for commercial purposes or disclosed to another person, organization, or community college. When a custodian permits inspection of home addresses and phone numbers, the custodian must notify MHEC, the person, the organization, or the community college about the use and disclosure restrictions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Revisions to local school procedures required by the bill could be achieved with the existing resources of the local boards of education.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A custodian of public school records may permit the inspection of a student's home address and phone number by: (1) an organization of parents, teachers, students, or former students; (2) a military force or organization; (3) a person engaged by a school or board of education to confirm a home address or phone number; or (4) a

community college. No provisions dictate what actions these groups may take with student information that has been collected.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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