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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Forms Management - Extension of Implementation Date**  
3 **for School Data**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the implementation date for the applicability of certain  
5 standards for data collection forms for schools, school systems, and the State  
6 Department of Education; and generally relating to data collection forms.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - State Government  
9 Section 10-606  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Chapter 459 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, as amended by  
14 Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 and Chapter 467 of  
15 the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
16 Section 2

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20 the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
21 Section 3

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article - State Government**

25 10-606.

26 (a) The plan shall:

1 (1) ensure that the forms management officer approves the use of a form  
2 by the department or independent unit only if the form:

3 (i) is needed for the effective or efficient operation of the  
4 department or independent unit;

5 (ii) requests information that is needed for or relevant to a lawful  
6 purpose of the department or independent unit;

7 (iii) does not impose an undue burden on the individual who is to  
8 complete the form;

9 (iv) is as brief, as plainly written, as well designed, and as easily  
10 completed as possible; and

11 (v) does not duplicate unnecessarily:

12 1. another form of the department or independent unit; or

13 2. a form of another department or independent unit;

14 (2) require a register of the forms that the forms management officer  
15 approves;

16 (3) require identification of each form in accordance with a standard  
17 identification system of the Division;

18 (4) provide for the most economical system by which to prepare,  
19 reproduce, and use a form; and

20 (5) require the forms management officer:

21 (i) to review periodically each form that has been approved to  
22 determine whether the officer still approves the form; and

23 (ii) if not, to remove the form from the register.

24 (b) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Division shall:

25 (1) develop a standard identification system to identify forms;

26 (2) help each department and independent unit to:

27 (i) develop a proposed plan; and

28 (ii) coordinate the proposed plan with other plans;

29 (3) review each proposed plan;

30 (4) approve each proposed plan that meets the requirements of this  
31 section; and

1 (5) monitor and help in the administration of each plan to ensure  
2 compliance.

3 (c) (1) In the preparation of a form that requires identification of  
4 individuals by race, a department or independent unit shall include the following  
5 racial categories:

6 (i) American Indian or Alaska Native;

7 (ii) Asian;

8 (iii) Black or African American;

9 (iv) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; and

10 (v) White.

11 (2) A form that requires identification of individuals by race shall  
12 include instructions that multiracial respondents may select all applicable racial  
13 categories.

14 (3) (i) Respondents shall select their own answers, except when it is  
15 not possible for the respondent to do so.

16 (ii) In the event that a respondent is not able to select an answer,  
17 an observer, such as a family member or friend, may select the answer on behalf of  
18 the respondent.

19 (4) A form that requires identification of individuals by race shall  
20 include a separate question about whether a respondent is of Hispanic or Latino  
21 origin, with the question preceding the racial category question.

22 **Chapter 459 of the Acts of 1998, as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2000**  
23 **and Chapter 467 of the Acts of 2003**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
25 Section 3 of this Act, the standards enacted under this Act shall be applicable to a  
26 data collection form that is created or revised after the effective date of this Act, and  
27 the standards shall be applicable to all data collection forms no later than January 1,  
28 2002.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the standards shall be  
30 applicable to all data collection forms for schools, school systems, and the State  
31 Department of Education by July 1, [2006] 2009, or by the date established by the  
32 United States Department of Education, whichever occurs sooner.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
34 effect June 1, 2006.