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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 621  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Guyton)

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**State Department of Education - Division of Rehabilitation Services -  
Information Posted on Website**

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This bill requires the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to publicly post on the DORS website the total number of open cases in its caseload by August 1, 2023. DORS must also update this information monthly thereafter. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. MSDE can carry out the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** DORS is generally responsible for efforts to rehabilitate and place in gainful employment individuals who are disabled and susceptible to rehabilitation and to rehabilitate individuals to function more independently. DORS provides funds from the Employment Program Fund to accredited community rehabilitation and employment agencies. DORS is also responsible for provision of a coordinated set of activities for transitioning students with a disability that promotes movement from school to postsecondary activities, including postsecondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, supported employment, adult services, independent living, and community participation.

DORS is not required to post caseload information on its website.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Legislative Services

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