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House Bill 1492

(Delegate Rogers)

Ways and Means

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Education - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery - Student Information

This bill alters the requirement that each public school that administers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) select “Option 8” as the score reporting requirement to prohibit the general release of student information to military recruiters, and instead requires local school systems to notify students (and their parents or guardians) two weeks before administering the ASVAB of the option to withhold the release of a student’s personal information and ASVAB test scores to military recruiters. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is directed at local school systems.

Local Effect: Local school systems can notify students and their parents or guardians two weeks before administering ASVAB of the option to withhold the release of a student’s personal information and ASVAB test scores to military recruiters using existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill specifies that a student or a student’s parent or guardian *who chooses “Option 8” as the score reporting option or for whom “Option 8” is chosen by the local board of education* may choose to *later* release the student’s personal information and ASVAB scores by individually submitting the required forms to the military services.

The bill does not limit a local board of education's ability to choose "Option 8" as the score reporting option for military recruiter contact to prohibit the general release of any student information to military recruiters for public schools that administer the ASVAB in the county.

The bill also repeals the requirement for a public school to send a written notice to an ASVAB representative of the statutory requirement for school systems to choose "Option 8," which is no longer mandated under the bill.

Current Law: 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 must choose "Option 8" as the score reporting option for military recruiter contact to prohibit the general release of any student information 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.

Additional Information

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

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