

HOUSE BILL 298

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HB 463/24 – APP

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By: **Delegate Kerr**

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – Demographic Data Collection**
3 **– Parental Status**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect
5 certain data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution
6 of higher education in the State; requiring public institutions of higher education to
7 collect and report certain demographic data from students; and generally relating to
8 public institutions of higher education and demographic data collection.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 11–409

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **11–409.**

18 **(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT DATA FROM EACH PUBLIC**
19 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE ON THE PARENTAL STATUS OF**
20 **STUDENTS ENROLLED IN EACH INSTITUTION.**

21 **(2) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC**
22 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL DEVELOP QUESTIONS THAT ALLOW**
23 **EACH STUDENT TO IDENTIFY:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) WHETHER THE STUDENT IS A PARENT, ACTING AS A**
2 **PARENT, OR A LEGAL GUARDIAN;**

3 **(II) THE AGE OF THE CHILDREN FOR WHICH THE STUDENT HAS**
4 **RESPONSIBILITY; AND**

5 **(III) THE TYPE OF CAREGIVING RESPONSIBILITIES THE**
6 **STUDENT PROVIDES, INCLUDING WHETHER THE STUDENT:**

7 **1. IS A SINGLE PARENT; OR**

8 **2. SHARES PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH**
9 **SOMEONE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OR A DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD.**

10 **(B) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PLACE**
11 **THE QUESTIONS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON ONE OR**
12 **MORE FORMS THAT ARE USED BY THE INSTITUTION TO COLLECT DEMOGRAPHIC**
13 **DATA FROM STUDENTS.**

14 **(2) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL MAKE**
15 **THE DATA COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO**
16 **THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMAT DETERMINED BY THE**
17 **COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

18 **(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
19 **SECTION, INCLUDING:**

20 **(1) ESTABLISHING A COMMON FORMAT AND TIME FRAME FOR THE**
21 **COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF THE DATA REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

22 **(2) A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COLLECTION OF PARENTAL STATUS**
23 **DATA BE INCLUDED WITH THE COLLECTION OF OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.**

24 **(D) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AND EACH SEPTEMBER 1**
25 **THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET**
26 **AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY,**
27 **AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN**
28 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT**
29 **SUMMARIZES THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2025.