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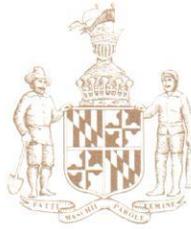
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HB 1122 State Government - Protection of Personally Identifiable Information - University System of Maryland

House Health and Government Operations Committee

SPONSOR TESTIMONY: Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk (SUPPORT, as amended)

Chairman Pendergrass, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee, I am pleased to present House Bill 1122.

The University System of Maryland (USM) has asked to be exempt from provisions governing protection of information in order to create their own comprehensive framework that will be specific to the sensitive data they process and hold. Until this bill takes effect in 2022, the current provisions will provide adequate protection. HB 1122 will provide even greater protection than is currently mandated.

HB 1122 addresses regulations created in cooperation with and only for the University System of Maryland. With this legislation, the USM will be better equipped to safely and efficiently gather and hold Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Universities will only be able to collect PII if there is a legitimate basis for it. A new privacy governance program, as well as an information security and risk management program will be developed and adopted to tighten their security on the data they hold. This bill also creates a process for individuals to request to opt-out of sharing information with third parties and deletion of data.

This legislation allows the USM to be safer with their information and requires more transparency in the event of a large-scale breach. It also gives individuals more of an option when sharing information.

An amendment to the original bill reflects the request by Maryland community colleges to be included in the provisions of HB1122. The University System of Maryland has agreed to this. As a result, community college students will benefit from HB1122 as USM students do.

This bill aims to protect those who choose to study at our great institutions. Therefore I urge a favorable report on HB 1122.