



Board of Physicians

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2021 SESSION POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: HB 320 – Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Transfer of Student Data – Modifications
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
POSITION: Information

TITLE: Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Transfer of Student Data – Modifications

BILL ANALYSIS: Requires certain licensing authorities and industry certifiers to make certain efforts to comply with data requirements and transfer student data; alters the membership of Governing Board of Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

Under HB 320, licensing authorities such as the Board of Physicians (the “Board”) would be required to comply with the data requirements and implementation schedule for the Maryland Longitudinal Data System. This would include the collection and sharing of personally identifiable information, including dates of birth and social security numbers.

While the Board does not oppose making every effort to comply with these data requirements, transferring personally identifiable information always carries with it a certain degree of risk and exposure. The language in HB 320 would override the Board’s statutory mandate to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information as required in Health Occupations Article § 14-411, Annotated Code of Maryland. In order to comply with these requirements, the Board would need to provide proper notification to all licensees that this information would be shared.

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