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Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Senate Bill 733 - Education - Student Data Privacy - Reports and Student
Data Privacy Council Sunset Extension**

This is legislation that has combined two common sense measures. The first is a codification of the report and findings from the Student Data Privacy Council. I encourage you to view this link to the final [Student Data Privacy Council Report](#). The second measure is a reporting requirement that the local school systems pass along a simple list of digital education tools that are either approved, prohibited, or a third category of used but not yet formally approved. The reporting requirement provision was supported separately as a stand-alone recommendation from the Maryland Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology.

We sent the request to drafters to codify the recommendations of the Council report, and while there appear to be some minor inconsistencies, we defer to the Final Council language as much as possible. The update of definitions include ensuring there isn't a backdoor connection to the personal identifying information to be sold to third parties, and expands the list of protected categories. The scope of the Council was very narrowly focused on the Student Data Privacy Act, so the recommendations do not extend beyond the charge of the body, however, I felt it was important to include a reporting mechanism on digital education tools across all 24 jurisdictions.

This simple measure would require MSDE to post the information as provided by the local school systems. This is not a mandate beyond reporting the digital education tool status so parents have a resource to decipher what is approved, and what is not approved in their LSS, and perhaps what other counties are doing in this space, so they can push for best practices.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable committee report on SB 733, as amended.