



HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
House Bill 359
Higher Education – Maryland Longitudinal Data System –
Student Data – Pregnant and Parenting Students
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Information

Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington, and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on HB359.

HB359 - Maryland Longitudinal Data System- Student Data - Pregnant and Parenting Students adds data on whether a student is or has been pregnant or is a parenting student to the list of data an institution of higher education must collect for Maryland Longitudinal Data System. Adult students have health care and families outside of the resource structure of a university, and we currently do not collect any data on whether a student is pregnant or a parent. Pregnancy and other medical conditions are not collected or stored as data elements in Student Information Systems or other administrative systems of record, and therefore are not available to report along with enrollment and student success measures. The same is true of juvenile delinquency records. While we fully support the intent of this additional data collection, the best efforts we could make to comply with the bill's updates would be to submit "N/A" in those data fields were they to be included in the collection.

Thank you for allowing the USM to share our thoughts regarding House Bill SB359.