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**Senate Bill 127**  
**Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center – Student FAFSA Data – Reporting Requirement**

**Testimony for the Ways and Means Committee**  
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House Bill 320 changes the definition of “student data” to include student disability data by specific disability category. Part of the definition of “student data” is that student data does not include medical and health records. Accordingly, this bill establishes the General Assembly’s intent that student disability data, including disability category, is permissible and would not be considered a prohibited medical or health record.

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) collects student disability data. If this bill passes, the MLDS Center will need to work with MSDE to understand the available data elements, data limitations, and arrange for the data to be added to the MLDS data inventory.

*This testimony is submitted for informational purposes only. The MLDS Governing Board has not taken a position on this bill.*

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