



## MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE LATINO CAUCUS

Lowe House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street, Room 200 · Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
Phone 410-841-3374 | 301-858-3374 · 800-492-7122 Ext. 3374 · Fax 410-841-3342 | 301-858-3342  
latino.caucus@house.state.md.us · www.mdlatinocaucus.org

ASHANTI MARTINEZ, CHAIR  
GABRIEL ACEVERO, VICE-CHAIR  
DENI TAVERAS, TREASURER  
JOE VOGEL, SECRETARY  
JASON A. AVILA GARCIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: Delegate Clippinger, Chair  
Delegate Bartlett, Vice Chair  
Judiciary Committee Members  
FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus  
DATE: N/A  
RE: HB1431 - State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act)

### **The MLLC supports HB1431 - State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act), 2025.**

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB1431.

The proposed Maryland Data Privacy Act seeks to restrict the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to state databases, records, facilities, and individuals. It prohibits state agencies and law enforcement from sharing information or resources with ICE for immigration enforcement purposes unless ICE provides a valid court-issued warrant or a sworn statement under penalty of perjury confirming the request is unrelated to immigration enforcement. The bill also requires state agencies to document and report all ICE access requests to the Maryland General Assembly and Attorney General annually. Violations by state employees or agencies are subject to administrative discipline, civil penalties, and enforcement by the Attorney General's office. The Act is set to take effect on October 1, 2025, and aims to safeguard the data privacy of Maryland residents, particularly in contexts unrelated to federal immigration law enforcement.

This bill is particularly relevant for Maryland's Latino community, as it provides critical protections against the misuse of state-held data by ICE. While the 2021 Driver Privacy Act blocked ICE from accessing MVA data without a warrant, gaps remain in protecting sensitive information held by other state agencies. By prohibiting warrantless ICE access, this bill ensures that Latino residents' personal data cannot be weaponized for immigration enforcement, safeguarding their privacy and dignity. Additionally, the bill mandates transparency and accountability by requiring state agencies to document ICE access requests and report to the General Assembly. Enacting this legislation positions Maryland as a leader in protecting the safety and privacy of its residents, particularly those in Latino immigrant communities, who often face heightened risks of federal overreach.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB1431.