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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0056- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - External Data Sharing With Third-Party Data Centers for Multistate Reporting – Authorization

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0056, Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - External Data Sharing With Third-Party Data Centers for Multistate Reporting – Authorization

This bill adds data protection guardrails to any data sharing with third-party data centers or where data is used outside of Maryland. It is necessary to protect Marylanders from the deprivations that the Federal Government has been inflicting on our country.

As reported by NPR on 01/26/26 "*The Trump administration admits even more ways DOGE accessed sensitive personal data*" [1]

> …the Social Security Administration said it discovered DOGE employees at the agency secretly and improperly shared sensitive personal data last year... The admission came in a court filing last Friday, Jan. 16, that made numerous corrections to testimony given by top agency officials last year in a lawsuit alleging that DOGE was illegally accessing Social Security data.

The intent of this bill is to authorize the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to provide certain student and workforce data to a third-party data center under certain circumstances; requiring each third-party data center to agree to comply with certain requirements relating to the data the center receives; requiring the Center to enter into a written data sharing agreement with certain third-party data centers; etc.

This bill will give our state the tools needed to fight misuse of Maryland data.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0056.

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[1] https://www.npr.org/2026/01/23/nx-s1-5684185/doge-data-social-security-privacy