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House Ways and Means Committee

House Bill 518 - Gaming - Problem Gambling and College Athlete Protections

Letter of Information

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Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Committee:

Bowie State University submits this letter of information regarding House Bill 518 and its provisions related to the sharing of sports wagering transactional data with Morgan State University, Bowie State University, and the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

House Bill 518 requires sports wagering licensees to provide transactional data and specified metrics annually to the participating institutions. Bowie State University appreciates being included in this data-sharing framework and recognizes the value of access to administrative wagering data in informing policy discussions, public understanding, and harm-reduction efforts related to sports wagering.

Absent dedicated resources to support a fully scaled research and reporting operation, Bowie State University's Center for Data Analytics (CDA) is prepared to take a modest, responsible approach to using the data in ways that provide meaningful insight while remaining within current resources.

Under this approach, the CDA could produce one comprehensive annual public report synthesizing the quarterly data into clear, policy-relevant findings. The report could include descriptive trends, note limitations and appropriate interpretation of the data, and identify emerging patterns relevant to students and surrounding communities. In addition, the CDA could conduct a small-scale, community-engaged research efforts to help contextualize the administrative data by incorporating local perspectives, including student and community experiences, awareness of risks, and community-identified prevention strategies.

This approach ensures the data collected under HB 518 is used thoughtfully and transparently, while acknowledging that broader or more frequent reporting, dashboards, and deeper evaluation would require significant additional investment or external funding. Bowie State University views this framework as a foundation that could be expanded in the future as resources allow.

Bowie State University appreciates the opportunity to participate in this effort and looks forward to continued collaboration with state partners to ensure sports wagering data is used to inform sound, evidence-based policy and community well-being. Thank you for your consideration. For questions, please contact **Michael Harrison, Director of Government and Community Relations, Bowie State University**, at mlharrison@bowiestate.edu.