

# SENATE BILL 127

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By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center – Student FAFSA Data – Reporting**  
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain reporting requirement to require the Maryland  
5 Longitudinal Data System Center to report certain student Free Application for  
6 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data to certain committees of the General Assembly  
7 by a certain date in certain years; requiring the Maryland Higher Education  
8 Commission to provide the Center with access to student FAFSA data; and generally  
9 relating to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center and reporting of student  
10 FAFSA data.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 7–212(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2022 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Education  
18 Section 7–212(c)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2022 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Education**

24 7–212.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (2) “FAFSA” means the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

3 (3) “MSFAA” means the Maryland State Financial Aid Application.

4 (c) (1) On or before [July 1] **DECEMBER 15** each year, beginning in 2023 and  
5 ending in 2028, [each county board shall report to] the Maryland Longitudinal Data System  
6 **CENTER SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND**  
7 **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**  
8 **COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE**  
9 **WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, on:**

10 (i) The number of students who completed and submitted the  
11 FAFSA in the immediately preceding school year;

12 (ii) The number of students who did not complete and submit the  
13 FAFSA in the immediately preceding school year; and

14 (iii) The number of students who completed the FAFSA by the  
15 deadline for eligibility for State financial aid.

16 (2) [A county board shall report the data required under paragraph (1) of  
17 this subsection, disaggregated by high school.] **THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA**  
18 **SYSTEM SHALL DISAGGREGATE THE INFORMATION REPORTED UNDER PARAGRAPH**  
19 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY COUNTY AND OTHER STUDENT SUBGROUPS.**

20 (3) [On or before October 1 each year, beginning in 2023 and ending in  
21 2028, the Maryland Longitudinal Data System shall disaggregate the information reported  
22 under this subsection and submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and  
23 Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House  
24 Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government  
25 Article.] **THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA**  
26 **SYSTEM CENTER WITH ACCESS TO STUDENT FAFSA DATA:**

27 (I) **IN THE FEDERAL STUDENT AID INTERNET GATEWAY; AND**

28 (II) **COLLECTED BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2023.