

# SENATE BILL 444

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By: **Senator Zucker**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center – Student Information – United**  
3 **States Census Bureau**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data  
5 System Center to authorize the Center to send certain student information to the  
6 United States Census Bureau; and generally relating to the Maryland Longitudinal  
7 Data System Center.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 24–701(a) and (e)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 24–703.2  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 24–701.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (e) “Governing Board” means the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal  
24 Data System Center.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 24-703.2.

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

3 (2) "Aggregated data" means de-identified data that is summarized by  
4 type of program of study or educational institution.

5 (3) "Student information" means:

6 (i) Student Social Security number;

7 (ii) Program of study;

8 (iii) Enrollment; and

9 (iv) Name of educational institution.

10 (4) "Tax information" means income tax records, wage information, and  
11 other data stored by the Comptroller.

12 (b) (1) The Center and the Comptroller jointly shall develop a protocol for  
13 research purposes for the:

14 (i) Center to send student information to the Comptroller;

15 (ii) Comptroller to match student information to tax information;  
16 and

17 (iii) Comptroller to produce aggregated data from the matched  
18 information on the average amount of wage or salary earnings from self-employment or  
19 other sources of income for individuals within each educational institution or program of  
20 study.

21 (2) The Comptroller may not produce any aggregated data that may be  
22 identifiable based on the size or uniqueness of the population under consideration.

23 (c) The Center and the Comptroller jointly shall develop data handling and  
24 security standards for the Comptroller to utilize for the protocol, including:

25 (1) Data retention and disposition policies;

26 (2) Authorized access and authentication for authorized access policies;

27 (3) Privacy compliance standards; and

28 (4) Breach notification and procedures.

1 (d) The Comptroller shall comply with any data privacy and security standards  
2 in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other  
3 relevant privacy laws and policies.

4 **(E) THE GOVERNING BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE CENTER TO SEND**  
5 **STUDENT INFORMATION TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2024.