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Amendment to SB 362

Description: Amend Section 7–447.1 of the Education Article to require the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports within the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) to procure a closed loop referral and data reporting platform. The platform shall ensure individuals are referred to appropriate behavioral health services and allow MCHRC to ensure that services have been rendered through accurate, consistent, and timely submission of key reporting metrics associated with Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports programs. In procuring the closed-loop referral platform, MCHRC shall account for:

- *the scalability of the platform;*
- *the ease of implementation for community providers;*
- *person-centered longitudinal records;*
- *bi-directional referral capabilities; and*
- *reporting and analytics tools available.*

Explanation: Chapter 36 of 2021 (the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation) established the Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports within MCHRC to develop partnerships to meet student behavioral health needs and other related challenges. Given the scale of investment in student behavioral health services, the General Assembly is interested in ensuring that relevant technology infrastructure is put in place to allow appropriate data elements to be collected for each grantee and reported in a standardized electronic format to the consortium on a regular basis. This action requires the Consortium within MCHRC to procure a closed-loop referral and data reporting platform to promote consistent reporting and allow the evaluation of the effectiveness of consortium spending while identifying gaps in behavioral health service areas.