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Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Senate Bill 325 - Education - Student Data Privacy - Reports and Student  
Data Privacy Council**

This is legislation that has combined two common sense measures to protect student data privacy. The House cross-file passed their chamber with this exact language last session.

This bill codifies the findings from the Student Data Privacy Council. I encourage you to view this link to the final [Student Data Privacy Council Report](#). It also contains a reporting requirement that the local school systems pass along a simple list of digital education tools that are either approved, prohibited, or a third category of used but not yet formally approved. The reporting requirement provision was supported separately as a stand-alone recommendation from the Maryland Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology. The extension of the council is a bit moot now, so we don't ask for that extension anymore, and you are free to amend that out.

The update of definitions included in this legislation help to ensure there isn't a backdoor connection to the personal identifying information to be sold to third parties, and expands the list of protected categories. The scope of the Council was very narrowly focused on the Student Data Privacy Act, so the recommendations do not extend beyond the charge of the body, however, I felt it was important to include a reporting mechanism on digital education tools across all 24 jurisdictions. Please review [Howard County's system for digital tools](#) if you are not familiar. This should be a model for the entire state. Parents do not feel empowered and this is a basic measure to help empower more control over their children's data use. This simple measure would require MSDE to post the information as provided by the local school systems. For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable committee report on SB 325.