

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Madam Chair Atterbeary and Madam Vice Chair Wilkins, members of the Ways and Means committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 127, Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Student FAFSA Data - Reporting Requirement.**

The purpose of this bill is to alter a reporting requirement to require the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to report certain student Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 15 each year, beginning in 2023 and ending in 2028; and requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide the Center with access to student FAFSA data.

(Closing)

Thank you to Madam Chair Atterbeary and Madam Vice Chair Wilkins for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 375, Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Student FAFSA Data - Reporting Requirement** and I ask for your favorable report.