

BILL: House Bill 1062
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COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's local boards of education, supports House Bill 1062.

MABE strongly supported the General Assembly's initiative to establish the Student Data Privacy Council responsible for studying and making recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015. MABE supports House Bill 1062 in order to clarify and continue Council's work under the Student Data Privacy Act.

MABE supports the work of the Council to address the serious and ongoing policy area involving the use by students, teachers, and school systems of online information and educational tools. The attention to the issue in local school systems in Maryland and across the nation is driven by the awareness of the need to adopt school system policies, contract language, and state laws, in order to protect student privacy while using online educational services. MABE believes that extending the sunset provision for Student Data Privacy Council will help to ensure statewide implementation of security measures to prevent unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure of information gathered based on students' computer usage.

For these reasons, MABE requests a favorable report on House Bill 1062.