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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board
FROM: Ross Goldstein
DATE: August 18, 2017
SUBJECT: Implementation to change in de-linking requirement

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the MLDS Governing Board on the Center's implementation of the changes to Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §24-702(c).

Background

The MLDS has specific requirements related to the linkage of student and workforce records within the System. During the 2017 Legislative Session, state law was amended to increase, from 5 years to 20 years, the amount of time that a student record may remain linked to a workforce record after the student's last enrollment in a Maryland educational institution (*see* 2017 Md. Laws ch. 790). The changes made by the legislation went into effect on July 1, 2017. As a result, MLDS Center staff have been reviewing the procedures in place to link student and workforce records.

Timeline

MLDS Center Staff have internally reviewed and revised the procedures. The procedures will be an agenda item at the October Research and Policy Advisory Board, and Data Governance Advisory Board meetings. Based on stakeholder feedback, Center Staff will revise the procedures and implement them.

Action

Informational only