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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Ross Goldstein, Executive Director

DATE: June 6, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Legislative Session - Final

The 2025 Legislative Session ended on April 7, 2025. Below is a synopsis and final status of legislation of relevance to the MLDS Center.

- 1. SB 713 / HB 611 Institutions of Higher Education Mandatory Disclosures for New and Prospective Students (Informed Enrollment Act) In the event that the U.S. Department of Education discontinues the operation of the College Scorecard, this bill requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to make the data contained in the College Scorecard available to Maryland institutions of higher education (IHEs) for them to provide on their websites. The MLDS Center is identified as a resource for MHEC to compile the data necessary to provide the Scorecard information to the IHEs. The majority of the data reported on the College Scorecard is from data reported by IHEs to the U.S. Department of Education through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). One component of the Scorecard data that is not available from IPEDS data is the workforce outcomes reporting. The MLDS Center can provide this information through its Maryland College Labor Sector and Work Explorer (MD-CLaWE).
 - o **Status** Did not pass
- 2. HB 298 Maryland Higher Education Commission Demographic Data Collection Parental Status This bill requires MHEC to collect data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education in the State. The data must include responses from students on whether the student is a parent, acting as a parent or as a legal guardian; the age of the children for which the student is responsible and the type of caregiving responsibilities. This bill does not place any requirements on the MLDS Center. Nonetheless, researchers have been interested in this topic and, if the bill passes, this data could provide useful information to the MLDS Center.
 - o **Status** Did not pass
- 3. SB 9 / HB 479 Maryland Higher Education Commission Academic Program Approval Revisions This bill makes revisions to a bill that passed last year requiring MHEC to produce uniform data about workforce needs to inform State policies relating to the State Plan for Higher Education and program approvals. Last year's bill required MHEC to consult with other state agencies, including the MLDS Center in compiling the data. The revisions address issues related to the program approval process and do not impact the MLDS Center.
 - o Status Passed

- 4. SB 789 / HB 725 Institutions of Higher Education Dually Enrolled Students Alterations This bill broadens the definition of dually enrolled students to include nonpublic and home schooled students. Under Education Article § 15-127(b), Annotated Code of Maryland, "a public higher education institution may not charge tuition to a dually enrolled student."
 - o Status Did not pass

Action

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