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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board

FROM: Ross Goldstein

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SUBJECT: Legislative Session Updates

Purpose
The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the outcome of legislation pertinent to the MLDS Center and discuss recommendations for proposed departmental legislation for the 2019 legislative session.

Summary of 2018 Legislative Session
The 2018 Session of the Maryland General Assembly ended on April 9th. The following is the final status of legislation impacting the Center.

1. *Senate Bill 978 - Career Preparation Act* (Passed)
    This bill requires various entities to provide MHEC with the identifying information of individuals who receive certain business licenses, industry certificates, and vocational certificates. The bill then requires MHEC to provide the information to Center. Finally, the bill requires the Center, along with the Governor's Workforce Development Board to submit an annual report on wages earned, hours worked per week, and industry of employment for high school graduates for the five year period after graduation.

2. *House Bill 378 - State Department of Education - Social Security Number of Students* (Failed)
    This bill prohibited MSDE from collecting, holding or storing social security numbers. This bill would have had a negative impact on the Center's ability to match K-12 students to workforce records.

3. *House Bill 823 - Education - Public School Teachers - Preparation* (Failed)
    This bill required the Center, along with MHEC, to establish and update a comprehensive reporting dashboard for each teacher preparation program offered at an institution of higher education. Despite the fact that the bill did not pass, Center will work towards developing a dashboard to address some of the criteria established in the bill.

Recommendations for 2019 Legislative Session
No recommendations at this time.

Action
Informational purposes only