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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
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**Re:** Report on the Submission of Data to CCA  
Report #9763

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch,

I write to discuss MSAR #9763, a standing report created in back-of-the-bill language in the College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013 (Chapter 533, Acts of 2013). The language requires that the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall “each year... submit to the Department of Legislative Services de-identified data in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that is collected from institutions of higher education and submitted to Complete College America.”

The Commission submitted data to Complete College America in 2014 and submitted those data to DLS in fulfillment of this requirement that year. However, that was the only time since the Act became effective that any data were submitted to Complete College America. MHEC discontinued data submissions to Complete College America for several reasons. First, the required collections, which had to be conducted in addition to the regular MHEC collection, were unduly burdensome for institutions. Second, the organization presented Maryland’s data inaccurately. Third, the State ceased to realize any useful benefits from participation in CCA. In short, the costs outweighed the benefits.

In 2013 MHEC implemented a plan to collect, as part of its regular data collection from Maryland public and independent colleges and universities, additional data intended to address many of the same issues and produce the same or similar metrics as those submitted to Complete College America, such as number of credits completed before and after transfer, outcomes for students enrolled in remedial coursework, and time to degree. MHEC intends to produce reports based on these data, which it will submit to the DLS in fulfillment of this request. Implementation of a new data structure is underway and scheduled to be completed during FY 2020. Reports will be created and submitted thereafter.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr.  
Secretary