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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1375 (Delegate Parrott, *et al.*)  
 Environment and Transportation

**Driver Education Curriculum - Rights of Drivers Involved in Traffic Stops**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), to adopt regulations requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include instruction on (1) the right to say no to the search of a vehicle; (2) the right to not admit to speeding or any other traffic violation; and (3) other rights of drivers who are involved in a traffic stop. MVA must also include content on the rights of drivers who are involved in traffic stops in the State Driver’s Manual.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by \$103,000 in FY 2019 only in order to revise and reprint driver materials as required. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	103,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$103,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

## Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** MVA is required to, in consultation with MSDE, adopt and enforce regulations to implement a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools. The regulations include curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom, laboratory, and on-road instruction phases, as well as minimum student performance standards for an approved driver education program, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction.

The MVA website indicates that there are more than 200 approved driving schools in Maryland. All counties and Baltimore City have at least one approved driving school. The larger urban jurisdictions may have 20 or more approved driving schools. For example, Baltimore County contains 33 of these schools, and Montgomery and Prince George's contain 32 each. Caroline, Garrett, and Kent counties, on the other hand, each contain only one approved driving school.

**State Expenditures:** MVA advises that the bill requires significant changes to the driver's handbook, including editing, formatting, and distribution of the revised manual. In total, MVA anticipates \$103,000 in TTF expenditures in fiscal 2019 only.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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