

**HB0813/753520/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 813  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “locations;” in line 11 and substitute “requiring Montgomery County to annually submit a certain report; requiring Montgomery County, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Transportation, to examine data relating to school bus stop violations and implement certain measures;”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 1 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 7 on page 2 down through “**VIOLATION.**” in line 7 on page 5 and substitute “**ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL:**”

**(I) COMPILE AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ON EACH SCHOOL BUS MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

**(II) SUBMIT THE REPORT TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISION ZERO COORDINATOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

**(i) THE NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS THAT OCCURRED AT EACH SCHOOL BUS STOP IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR;**

**(ii) THE NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS THAT OCCURRED AT EACH SCHOOL BUS STOP IN EACH OF THE 5 FISCAL YEARS PRECEDING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR;**

**(iii) A BREAKDOWN OF THE VIOLATIONS BY THE DIRECTION IN WHICH EACH VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A VIOLATION WAS TRAVELLING IN RELATION TO THE STOPPED SCHOOL BUS;**

**(iv) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES ISSUED FOR VIOLATIONS AT EACH SCHOOL BUS STOP IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND**

**(v) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES ISSUED FOR VIOLATIONS AT EACH SCHOOL BUS STOP IN EACH OF THE 5 FISCAL YEARS PRECEDING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

**(a) Montgomery County, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Transportation, shall examine school bus stop violation data to determine the 10 school bus stop locations at which the highest number of citations for passing a stopped school bus are issued and implement operational alternatives for those stops including:**

**(1) ensuring that all public outreach and information about the school bus camera program and citations issued for violations relating to passing a stopped school bus are provided in multiple languages;**

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(2) producing and implementing public hyperlocal education campaigns about school bus stop laws, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration;

(3) improving signage and markings at school bus stops;

(4) identifying and implementing strategies that will improve driver expectancy and pedestrian safety;

(5) examining alternative penalties for a driver's first offense for the purpose of not financially penalizing a driver for failure to know the law or the area;

(6) relocating school bus stops at which the most violations occur to safer locations, if warranted; and

(7) convening regular meetings between the Montgomery County Public Schools, the Montgomery County Police Department, and other stakeholders to examine data trends and explore other plans to reduce violations and improve safety at school bus stops; and

(b) On or before December 31, 2022, and 2023, Montgomery County shall report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, and the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly on the findings of the examination that the County has conducted and the actions taken to implement improvements.”;

in line 8, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in line 9, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2022.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2024, Section 2 of this Act, with no further

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action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.