

HOUSE BILL 19

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(2lr1015)

ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by **Delegate Solomon**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans**
3 **(Safe Walk to School Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education seeking State funds for
5 the construction of a new school, or the renovation of or an addition to an existing
6 school that would increase the capacity by more than a certain number of students,
7 to submit a certain pedestrian safety plan to the Interagency Commission on School
8 Construction; requiring the Interagency Commission to ~~review~~ approve the
9 pedestrian safety plans ~~in consultation with the State Highway Administration~~
10 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to pedestrian safety plans for
11 schools.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 5–324

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
4 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Education**

6 **5–324.**

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

9 (2) “HIGH-DENSITY COUNTY” MEANS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
10 JURISDICTIONS:

11 (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

12 (II) BALTIMORE CITY;

13 (III) BALTIMORE COUNTY;

14 (IV) HOWARD COUNTY;

15 (V) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; OR

16 (VI) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

17 (3) “LOW-DENSITY COUNTY” MEANS ANY COUNTY NOT LISTED IN
18 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

19 (B) (1) A COUNTY BOARD IN A HIGH-DENSITY COUNTY SEEKING STATE
20 FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL, OR THE RENOVATION OF OR AN
21 ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SCHOOL THAT WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE
22 SCHOOL BY MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS, SHALL SUBMIT A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN
23 TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ~~AS PART OF THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL~~
24 ~~PROCESS.~~

25 (2) A COUNTY BOARD IN A LOW-DENSITY COUNTY SHALL SUBMIT A
26 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ~~AS PART OF THE~~
27 ~~REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS~~ IF THE COUNTY BOARD IS SEEKING STATE FUNDS
28 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL, OR THE RENOVATION OF OR AN
29 ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SCHOOL, IN A CITY WITH MORE THAN 10,000 RESIDENTS
30 AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE
31 SCHOOL BY MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS.

1 **(3) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ~~REVIEW THE~~ APPROVE A**
 2 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ~~PLANS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY~~**
 3 **~~ADMINISTRATION~~ PLAN IF THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN COMPLIES WITH**
 4 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(C) (1) A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN SHALL:**

6 ~~(1)~~ **(I) BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH:**

7 ~~(I)~~ **1. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR**
 8 **EQUIVALENT AGENCY OF THE JURISDICTION LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**
 9 **THIS SECTION WHOSE COUNTY BOARD IS SUBMITTING THE PLAN; AND**

10 ~~(II)~~ **2. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION;**

11 **(II) BE LIMITED TO THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL FOR**
 12 **WHICH THE COUNTY BOARD WILL NOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS;**

13 ~~(2)~~ ~~(III)~~ **(III) IDENTIFY EXISTING AND POTENTIAL SAFE ROUTES**
 14 **FOR STUDENTS TO WALK OR BIKE TO THE SCHOOL;**

15 ~~(3)~~ ~~(IV)~~ **(IV) EVALUATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING**
 16 **SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE, ALONG EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN OR**
 17 **CYCLIST ROUTES TO THE SCHOOL TO DETERMINE WHETHER INCREASED CAPACITY**
 18 **IS NECESSARY;**

19 ~~(4)~~ ~~(V)~~ **(V) ANALYZE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL SCHOOL ZONES,**
 20 **INCLUDING THE NEED FOR EXPANDING SCHOOL ZONES ON STATE AND COUNTY**
 21 **ROADS; AND**

22 ~~(5)~~ ~~(VI)~~ **(VI) INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC**
 23 **PARTICIPATION AND INPUT RELATED TO THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN,**
 24 **INCLUDING MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENTS.**

25 **(2) A COUNTY BOARD, NOT THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION, SHALL**
 26 **MAKE ALL DETERMINATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**
 27 **PLAN.**

28 **(D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY**
 29 **OUT THIS SECTION.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 31 1, 2022.