

HOUSE BILL 540

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By: **Delegates Moon, Kaufman, Shetty, and Wilkins**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Bus Stops – Prohibited Locations**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the location of a school bus stop on certain highways in
4 certain counties unless a school crossing guard is posted or a certain traffic control
5 device is placed at the school bus stop; and generally relating to the location of school
6 bus stops.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–801.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 21–706.1(a)(1) and (5)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7–801.1.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA” HAS THE**
22 **MEANING STATED IN § 21–706.1(A) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR WHICH**
 2 **THE USE OF A SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA IS AUTHORIZED.**

3 **(C) A SCHOOL BUS STOP MAY NOT BE LOCATED ON ANY HIGHWAY WITH FIVE**
 4 **OR MORE UNDIVIDED TRAFFIC LANES UNLESS:**

5 **(1) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD IS POSTED AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP**
 6 **TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN CROSSING THE HIGHWAY; OR**

7 **(2) A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE THAT MAINTAINS A RED SIGNAL**
 8 **WHILE A STUDENT IS BOARDING OR EXITING A SCHOOL BUS IS PLACED AT THE**
 9 **SCHOOL BUS STOP.**

10 **Article – Transportation**

11 21–706.1.

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (5) “School bus monitoring camera” means a camera placed on a school bus
 14 that is designed to capture a recorded image of a driver of a motor vehicle committing a
 15 violation.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 17 1, 2024.