

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 24-17

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Mr. Wade Kach, Councilman

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By the County Council, April 17, 2017

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

School Bus Safety Cameras

FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of school bus safety cameras on buses used by the

Baltimore County Board of Education to transport students; defining terms; authorizing the Police Department, after consultation with the Board, to install, operate, and maintain school bus safety cameras; providing a civil penalty for a violation recorded by a camera of the State law prohibiting the overtaking and passing of a school bus in certain situations; providing for the use of fines collected; requiring certain reports; and generally relating to the use of school bus cameras.

BY adding

Sections 18-5-101 to 18-5-103  
Article 18 – Transportation  
Title 5 – School Bus Safety Cameras  
Baltimore County Code 2015

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EXPLANATION:      CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
                          [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
                          ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
                          Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4 TITLE 5. SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERAS

5 §18-5-101. DEFINITIONS.

6 (A) IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
7 INDICATED.

8 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 EDUCATION.

10 (C) "SCHOOL BUS" MEANS A BUS OPERATED BY THE BOARD TO  
11 TRANSPORT STUDENTS.

12 (D) "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA" MEANS A CAMERA PLACED  
13 ON A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE A RECORDED IMAGE OF A  
14 DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF  
15 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE §21-706.

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17 §18-5-102. AUTHORIZATION.

18 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21-706.1 OF THE  
19 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE  
20 COUNTY MAY USE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERAS WITHIN THE COUNTY AND  
21 ENFORCE CITATIONS ISSUED FROM CAMERAS.

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23 §18-5-103. USE ON SCHOOL BUSES; VIOLATION; FINES.

1 (A) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE  
2 BOARD, MAY INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SCHOOL BUS SAFETY  
3 CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

4 (B) A PERSON WHO COMMITS A VIOLATION RECORDED BY A  
5 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$150.

6 (C) THE COUNTY SHALL USE FINES COLLECTED FOR VIOLATIONS  
7 RECORDED BY A SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA:

8 (1) TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF INSTALLING, OPERATING,  
9 AND MAINTAINING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERAS; AND

10 (2) FOR THE COUNTY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

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12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Police Department shall file  
13 a report with the County Council detailing the effect of the Act, on the first anniversary after  
14 the effective date of this Act and biennially thereafter.

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16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
17 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on June 7, 2017.