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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. _____

Bill No. _____ -2019

Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Christiana Mercer Rigby
Co-Sponsored by Opel Jones, Deb Jung and Liz Walsh

AN ACT to authorize the use of school bus monitoring cameras on school buses in the County; to authorize certain enforcement and to provide that certain violations are a civil penalty; to provide for the use of fines; and generally relating to enforcement of traffic laws in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2019.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2019 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2019 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2019

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 *By adding:*

4 *Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation.*

5 *Subtitle 7 – School Bus Monitoring Cameras.*

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7 **Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation**

8 **SUBTITLE 7 – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS.**

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10 **SECTION 21.700. SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS.**

11 (A) *DEFINITIONS.* FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE
12 THE MEANING INDICATED.

13 (1) *SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA* HAS THE MEANING STATED IN SECTION 21-706.1
14 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

15 (B) *IN GENERAL.* THE USE OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS IS AUTHORIZED IN
16 HOWARD COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21-706.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION
17 ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

18 (C) *ENFORCEMENT.* THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE MAY ISSUE CIVIL
19 CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

20 (D) *VIOLATIONS.*

21 A PERSON WHO COMMITS A VIOLATION OF § 21-706 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE
22 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND THAT IS RECORDED BY A SCHOOL BUS
23 MONITORING CAMERA IS SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY ALLOWED UNDER
24 SECTION 21-706.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
25 MARYLAND.

26 (E) *USE OF FINES.* FINES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO:

27 (1) RECOVER THE COSTS OF INSTALLING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING SCHOOL BUS
28 MONITORING CAMERAS; AND

29 (2) FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAMS.
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31 **Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
32 Maryland that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.