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FISCAL NOTE  
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Senate Bill 526 (Senator Green)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Safety Zones - School Crossing Guards - Traffic Regulation**

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This bill allows a school crossing guard to direct or regulate traffic in a safety zone. A person may not willfully disobey any lawful order or direction of a school crossing guard.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine).

**Local Effect:** None. Granting additional authority to school crossing guards would not affect local school expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** School crossing guards are not authorized by statute or regulation to direct or regulate traffic. Safety zones are defined in statute as an area in a roadway that: (1) is officially set apart for the exclusive use of pedestrians; and (2) is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

**Background:** Currently, school crossing guards receive no formal training from any police agency regarding the direction or regulation of traffic.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source:** Department of Legislative Services

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