

SENATE BILL 423

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Driver Education Program Curriculum – Police Traffic Stop**
3 **Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations
5 requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include
6 instruction on what to do when stopped by a police officer; and generally relating to
7 the driver education program curriculum.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 16–505
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 16–505.

17 (a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of
18 Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement
19 a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools under its
20 jurisdiction.

21 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
22 Administration and shall include:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom,
2 laboratory, and on-road instruction phases;

3 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver
4 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the
5 Administration, consisting of at least:

6 (I) 30 hours of classroom instruction, **INCLUDING INSTRUCTION**
7 **ON WHAT TO DO WHEN STOPPED BY A POLICE OFFICER;** and

8 (II) [at least] 6 hours of highway driving instruction;

9 (3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;

10 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;

11 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
12 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

13 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2016.