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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 423

(Senator Norman, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Environment and Transportation

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**Motor Vehicles - Driver Education Program Curriculum - Police Traffic Stop  
Procedures**

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This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), to adopt regulations requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include instruction on what to do when stopped by a police officer.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** MVA is required to, in consultation with MSDE, adopt and enforce regulations to implement a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools. The regulations include curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom, laboratory, and on-road instruction phases, as well as minimum student performance standards for an approved driver education program, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction.

The MVA website indicates that there are 199 approved driving schools in Maryland. All counties and Baltimore City have at least one approved driving school. The larger urban jurisdictions may have 20 or more approved driving schools. For example, Montgomery

and Baltimore counties contain 28 of these schools. Caroline, Garrett, Kent, and Somerset counties, on the other hand, each contain only one approved driving school.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 967 (Delegates Cassilly and Lisanti) - Environment and Transportation.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Legislative Services

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