

HOUSE BILL 1301

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CF SB 78

By: **Delegates Frush, Chang, Gutierrez, and Tarlau**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Crossing Guards – Authority to Direct Traffic**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by
4 authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain qualifications to direct
5 vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist
6 nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; providing for the
7 application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of school crossing
8 guards to direct traffic.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–107
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 21–107.

18 (a) A school crossing guard who meets the qualifications in subsection (b) of this
19 section may stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school
20 grounds to assist:

21 (1) Pedestrians in the safe crossing of highways at a school crossing; [and]

22 (2) School vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, VEHICLES THAT ARE NOT SCHOOL**
2 **VEHICLES IN ENTERING AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

3 (b) A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic as described in subsection
4 (a) of this section if the school crossing guard:

5 (1) Is 18 years of age or older;

6 (2) Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency or a county school
7 board;

8 (3) Has completed training to perform any traffic direction duties to which
9 the guard is assigned as prescribed by the law enforcement agency or county school board
10 that has control over the school crossing guard; and

11 (4) Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the law enforcement
12 agency or county school board that has control over the school crossing guard.

13 (c) A person may not willfully disobey a lawful direction of a school crossing guard
14 exercising the authority granted in this section.

15 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a school crossing guard who does not meet
16 the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section from assisting a pedestrian to
17 cross a highway, providing the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing
18 traffic.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2017.