

Chapter 760

**(House Bill 1301)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

**Article – Transportation**

21–107.

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

- (1) Pedestrians in the safe crossing of highways at a school crossing; [and]
- (2) School vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; **AND**

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

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

- (1) Is 18 years of age or older;
- (2) Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency or a county school board;

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.**