

HOUSE BILL 1286

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By: **Delegates Love and Fraser-Hidalgo**
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Vehicles – Three-Point Seat Belts – Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a pilot program to provide competitive grants to county
4 school boards for equipping county school vehicles with three-point seat belts;
5 establishing the goals of the pilot program; requiring the Maryland Department of
6 Transportation to implement and administer the pilot program in a certain manner;
7 requiring the Department to develop application procedures and solicit applications
8 from county school boards for grants to defray the costs of equipping certain county
9 school vehicles with three-point seat belts; requiring the Department to provide
10 certain grants to assist in equipping certain county school vehicles with three-point
11 seat belts; authorizing a county school board to apply to the Department for a grant
12 to cover a certain percentage of costs of purchasing and installing three-point seat
13 belts in certain county school vehicles; requiring a county school board to provide
14 certain county matching funds under the pilot program; authorizing county school
15 boards to seek private funding to implement the pilot program; establishing certain
16 authorized uses for any State, county, or private funding under the pilot program;
17 requiring the Department to establish standards for evaluating grant applications
18 and adopt procedures necessary to implement the pilot program; establishing a
19 certain reporting requirement for county school boards under the pilot program;
20 requiring the Department to report certain information to the Governor and the
21 General Assembly on or before certain dates under certain circumstances; providing
22 for funding for the pilot program; providing for the termination of this Act; and
23 generally relating to the establishment of a pilot program to equip county school
24 vehicles with three-point seat belts.

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Transportation
27 Section 22-412.5
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 **22-412.5.**

5 (A) (1) THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS
6 TO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS FOR EQUIPPING SCHOOL VEHICLES WITH
7 THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS.

8 (2) THE GOAL OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO DETERMINE THE
9 FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF EQUIPPING SCHOOL VEHICLES WITH
10 THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS.

11 (3) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND
12 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

13 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

14 (1) DEVELOP APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND SOLICIT
15 APPLICATIONS FROM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS FOR GRANTS TO DEFRAY THE COSTS
16 OF EQUIPPING SOME OR ALL OF A PARTICIPATING COUNTY'S SCHOOL VEHICLES
17 WITH THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS; AND

18 (2) PROVIDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO ASSIST IN EQUIPPING SOME
19 OR ALL OF A PARTICIPATING COUNTY'S SCHOOL VEHICLES WITH THREE-POINT SEAT
20 BELTS.

21 (C) (1) A COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
22 A GRANT TO COVER 90% OF THE COSTS OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLING
23 THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS IN COUNTY SCHOOL VEHICLES.

24 (2) A COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THIS
25 SECTION SHALL PAY A 10% MATCH OF THE TOTAL COSTS OF PURCHASING AND
26 INSTALLING THE THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS.

27 (3) STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS PROVIDED TO OR BY A COUNTY
28 SCHOOL BOARD UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE USED ONLY TO COVER THE
29 COSTS OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLING THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS ON COUNTY
30 SCHOOL VEHICLES.

31 (D) (1) COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS MAY SEEK PRIVATE FUNDING TO
32 IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM.

1 **(2) ANY PRIVATE FUNDING RECEIVED BY A COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**
2 **FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE USED ONLY TO:**

3 **(I) COVER ALL OR PART OF THE 10% COUNTY MATCH**
4 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION; OR**

5 **(II) SUPPLEMENT STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS ALLOCATED TO**
6 **PURCHASE AND INSTALL THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS IN COUNTY SCHOOL VEHICLES.**

7 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

8 **(1) ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING GRANT APPLICATIONS;**
9 **AND**

10 **(2) ADOPT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT**
11 **PROGRAM.**

12 **(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, A COUNTY SCHOOL**
13 **BOARD THAT RECEIVES FUNDING UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT A**
14 **REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT STATING:**

15 **(I) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**
16 **RECEIVED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM;**

17 **(II) AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW THE FUNDS WERE SPENT; AND**

18 **(III) A DETAILED EVALUATION OF:**

19 **1. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN**
20 **EQUIPPING COUNTY SCHOOL VEHICLES WITH THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS; AND**

21 **2. ANY PROBLEMS THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**
22 **ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

23 **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR THAT**
24 **FUNDS ARE DISBURSED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
25 **AGGREGATE THE INFORMATION REPORTED TO IT BY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS AND**
26 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**
27 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:**

28 **(I) THE AGGREGATED INFORMATION; AND**

1 **(II) THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY**
2 **SCHOOL BOARDS.**

3 **(G) FUNDS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED BY THE**
4 **GOVERNOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,
7 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
8 of no further force and effect.