

HOUSE BILL 19

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HB 487/21 – APP

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans**
3 **(Safe Walk to School Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education seeking State funds for
5 the construction of a new school, or the renovation of or an addition to an existing
6 school that would increase the capacity by more than a certain number of students,
7 to submit a certain pedestrian safety plan to the Interagency Commission on School
8 Construction; requiring the Interagency Commission to ~~review~~ approve the
9 pedestrian safety plans ~~in consultation with the State Highway Administration~~
10 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to pedestrian safety plans for
11 schools.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 5–324
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**
20 **5–324.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "HIGH-DENSITY COUNTY" MEANS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
4 JURISDICTIONS:

5 (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

6 (II) BALTIMORE CITY;

7 (III) BALTIMORE COUNTY;

8 (IV) HOWARD COUNTY;

9 (V) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; OR

10 (VI) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

11 (3) "LOW-DENSITY COUNTY" MEANS ANY COUNTY NOT LISTED IN
12 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

13 (B) (1) A COUNTY BOARD IN A HIGH-DENSITY COUNTY SEEKING STATE
14 FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL, OR THE RENOVATION OF OR AN
15 ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SCHOOL THAT WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE
16 SCHOOL BY MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS, SHALL SUBMIT A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN
17 TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ~~AS PART OF THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL~~
18 ~~PROCESS.~~

19 (2) A COUNTY BOARD IN A LOW-DENSITY COUNTY SHALL SUBMIT A
20 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ~~AS PART OF THE~~
21 ~~REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS~~ IF THE COUNTY BOARD IS SEEKING STATE FUNDS
22 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL, OR THE RENOVATION OF OR AN
23 ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SCHOOL, IN A CITY WITH MORE THAN 10,000 RESIDENTS
24 AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE
25 SCHOOL BY MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS.

26 (3) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ~~REVIEW THE~~ APPROVE A
27 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ~~PLANS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY~~
28 ADMINISTRATION PLAN IF THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN COMPLIES WITH
29 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

30 (C) (1) A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN SHALL:

1 ~~(1)~~ (1) BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

2 ~~(1)~~ 1. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR
3 EQUIVALENT AGENCY OF THE JURISDICTION LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF
4 THIS SECTION WHOSE COUNTY BOARD IS SUBMITTING THE PLAN; AND

5 ~~(1)~~ 2. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION;

6 ~~(2)~~ (II) IDENTIFY EXISTING AND POTENTIAL SAFE ROUTES FOR
7 STUDENTS TO WALK OR BIKE TO THE SCHOOL;

8 ~~(3)~~ (III) EVALUATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING SIDEWALK
9 INFRASTRUCTURE, ALONG EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN OR CYCLIST
10 ROUTES TO THE SCHOOL TO DETERMINE WHETHER INCREASED CAPACITY IS
11 NECESSARY;

12 ~~(4)~~ (IV) ANALYZE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL SCHOOL ZONES,
13 INCLUDING THE NEED FOR EXPANDING SCHOOL ZONES ON STATE AND COUNTY
14 ROADS; AND

15 ~~(5)~~ (V) INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND
16 INPUT RELATED TO THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN, INCLUDING MINUTES FROM A
17 PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENTS.

18 (2) A COUNTY BOARD, NOT THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION, SHALL
19 MAKE ALL DETERMINATIONS ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
20 PLAN.

21 (D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY
22 OUT THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2022.