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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Education - School Bus Stops - Prohibited Locations 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the location of a school bus stop on certain highways in 4 certain counties unless a school crossing guard is posted or a certain traffic control 5 device is placed at the school bus stop; and generally relating to the location of school 6 bus stops. 7 BY adding to 8 Article – Education 9 Section 7–801.1 10 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Transportation 13 14 Section 21-706.1(a)(1) and (5) 15 Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) 16 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Education 19 7-801.1. 20 IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA" HAS THE 21 MEANING STATED IN § 21–706.1(A) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE. 22



- 1 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR WHICH 2 THE USE OF A SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA IS AUTHORIZED.
- 3 (C) A SCHOOL BUS STOP MAY NOT BE LOCATED ON ANY HIGHWAY WITH FIVE 4 OR MORE UNDIVIDED TRAFFIC LANES UNLESS:
- 5 (1) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD IS POSTED AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP 6 TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN CROSSING THE HIGHWAY; OR
- 7 (2) A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE THAT MAINTAINS A RED SIGNAL 8 WHILE A STUDENT IS BOARDING OR EXITING A SCHOOL BUS IS PLACED AT THE 9 SCHOOL BUS STOP.

Article – Transportation

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- 12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 13 (5) "School bus monitoring camera" means a camera placed on a school bus 14 that is designed to capture a recorded image of a driver of a motor vehicle committing a 15 violation.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.