



February 27, 2020

**Bill: SB 976: Speed Monitoring Systems- School Zones- Hours and Day of Operation**

**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of RedSpeed MD, I am writing to express our support for SB 976. RedSpeed Maryland works closely with law enforcement throughout a number of Maryland jurisdictions to provide turn-key automated traffic enforcement solutions to keep Maryland's roads and pedestrians safe.

Over the years, RedSpeed has worked to install and operate school zone enforcement systems and knows they significantly reduce speeding and alter driving behavior, ultimately keeping our communities and vulnerable youth safer.

Each day, pedestrians and streams of traffic enter or pass by our schools via buses, vehicles, and bicycles. Established school zones and automated enforcement provide greater coverage for this potentially dangerous ingress and egress and enhance awareness of the school zones without needing to alter current infrastructure. The speed limits remain in effect 24/7 and so should the enforcement.

Current statute restricts the days and times in which school zone cameras may be operate to 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday. We know after consulting law enforcement in the jurisdictions we operate that but for this restriction, many passing cars would receive a ticket for exceeding the speed limit by at least 12 mph. Recognizing that many student activities take place outside of this span of time and frequently occur on the weekends, we support this repeal.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 976.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Peters at [speters@hbstrategies.us](mailto:speters@hbstrategies.us) or (410) 322-2320.

Sincerely,

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