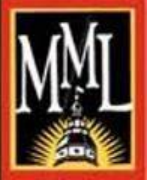




# Prince George's County Municipal Association

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House Environment & Transportation Committee  
SB11 – Motor Vehicles – Establishment of School Zones  
Position: OPPOSE

SB 11 This legislation will reduce the school zone speed limit radius from a half-mile to one-tenth of a mile. It would essentially change speed limits in school zones from the current size to under 600 ft. of the radius around any school or school related property. Reducing the size of the protected area is expected to cause direct safety issues for students, faculty, and parents as they play, work, and travel in areas of the County that should be the most protected. The current established half-mile radius is more likely provide more protection for students.

In addition to the immediate safety risk to children and other pedestrians, Prince George's County will be responsible for the cost of placing and maintaining any new monitoring systems. Specifically, the bill authorizes the State Highway Administration or local authorities to establish more speed monitoring systems, local authorities (in certain circumstances, Prince George's County municipal corporations) shall be required to pay the State Highway Administration the cost of placing and maintaining signs and other traffic control devices on highways located with the corporate limits of the local authority when the State Highway Administration establishes the school zone at the municipal corporation's request.

The bill will have a fiscal impact on local governments if enacted. Local expenditures are expected to increase significantly to support altering infrastructure and relocating existing equipment and signage. Local enforcement procedures may also need to be modified.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Municipal Association OPPOSES Senate Bill 11 and respectfully requests the Committee's consideration of its position.

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