



# Montgomery County

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**HB 1227**

**DATE: March 25, 2025**

**SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation**

**ASSIGNED TO: Judicial Proceedings**

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### **Montgomery County – Vehicle Control and Monitoring Systems – Distribution of Contested Traffic Fines, Application, and Implementation MC 8-25**

Under current law, beginning on December 31, 2026, school bus stops in Montgomery County cannot be located on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes unless: (1) a crossing guard is present to assist students in crossing the road; or (2) a traffic control device is in use to maintain a red-light signal at those locations while a student is boarding or exiting a school bus.

House Bill 1227 extends the December 31, 2026, deadline by two years. It also limits the application of the crossing guard and control restrictions only to school bus stops where at least 400 citations from school bus camera violations were issued in the previous fiscal year to drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus stop.

Because Montgomery County cannot comply with the law as currently written, the County supports HB 1227. It significantly reduces the number of bus stops that must be moved or staffed with crossing guards and extends the timeline for compliance, which will allow the County additional time to either comply with the law or continue to work with its State Delegation to identify a better path forward. For these reasons, the County requests the Committee to report this legislation out favorably.