

Chapter 676

(House Bill 761)

AN ACT concerning

**Montgomery County – ~~School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Distribution of Fines~~
and School Bus Stops**

MC 6-24

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that the fines collected by Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced on State highways by school bus monitoring cameras be distributed in a certain manner to be used only to enhance assist in covering the costs of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements at certain locations in Montgomery County; prohibiting the location of a school bus stop on certain highways in Montgomery County unless a school crossing guard is posted or a certain traffic control device is placed at the school bus stop; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue generated by school bus monitoring cameras~~ school bus stops in Montgomery County.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7-302(e)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7-801.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21-706.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

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

~~**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**~~

~~7-302.~~

~~(e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems, a political subdivision:~~

~~1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems; and~~

~~2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.~~

~~(ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.~~

~~2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.~~

~~(iii) The fines collected by Prince George's County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the costs of:~~

~~1. Examining the engineering, infrastructure, and other relevant factors that may contribute to safety issues on Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's County;~~

~~2. Reporting its findings and recommendations on any solutions to these safety issues; and~~

~~3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.~~

~~(iv) 1. From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.~~

~~2. Fines remitted to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph are supplemental to and~~

~~are not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses described under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.~~

~~(v) From the fines collected by Anne Arundel County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County-Howard County line, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of speed reduction measures and roadway and pedestrian safety improvements on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County-Howard County line.~~

~~(vi) From the fines collected by the Town of Oxford as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements in and around the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue.~~

~~**(vii) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS ON STATE HIGHWAYS, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED ONLY TO ENHANCE ASSIST IN COVERING THE COSTS OF ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS WHERE STUDENTS:**~~

~~**1. BOARD OR EXIT A SCHOOL BUS; OR**~~

~~**2. NOT INCLUDING EXPRESSWAYS, TRAVEL TO OR FROM A DESTINATION AT WHICH THEY BOARD OR EXIT A SCHOOL BUS.**~~

Article – Education

7-801.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(B) BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2025 31, 2026, A SCHOOL BUS STOP MAY NOT BE LOCATED ON ANY HIGHWAY WITH FIVE OR MORE UNDIVIDED TRAFFIC LANES UNLESS:

(1) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD IS POSTED AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN CROSSING THE HIGHWAY; OR

(2) A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE THAT MAINTAINS A RED SIGNAL WHILE A STUDENT IS BOARDING OR EXITING A SCHOOL BUS IS PLACED AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP.

~~Article — Transportation~~

~~21-706.1.~~

~~(e) (1) A school bus monitoring camera may not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.~~

~~(2) If authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction, a law enforcement agency, in consultation with the county board of education, may place school bus monitoring cameras on school buses in the county.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.