
By: Senator Collins

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver's License - Suspension for Unexcused Absence from School**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for a certain
4 period of time the license to drive of minors who have been reported absent from
5 school or irregular in attendance without lawful excuse for a certain period of time;
6 requiring the county superintendent of schools to notify the Administration of
7 minors who have been reported absent from school or irregular in attendance
8 without lawful excuse; requiring the Administration to maintain certain records on
9 minor licensees until a certain time; and generally relating to the suspension of the
10 license to drive of minors who have been absent from school or irregular in
11 attendance without lawful excuse.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article - Education
14 Section 7-302
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 16-108.1 and 16-117(d)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article - Education**

25 7-302.

26 (A) The principal or head teacher of each public or private school in this State
27 shall report immediately to the county superintendent, the supervisor of pupil personnel,
28 or any other official designated by the county superintendent the name of each child
29 enrolled in his school who has been absent or irregular in attendance, without lawful
30 excuse, or who shows evidence of maladjustment, so that the causes may be studied and
31 solutions worked out.

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1 (B) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL NOTIFY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE NAME OF EACH MINOR ENROLLED IN SCHOOL WHO IS AT
3 LEAST 15 YEARS OLD AND WHO HAS BEEN ABSENT OR IRREGULAR IN ATTENDANCE
4 WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE FOR MORE THAN 6 PERCENT OF THE DAYS OF THE
5 SCHOOL YEAR.

6 **Article - Transportation**

7 16-108.1.

8 IF WHILE THE LICENSEE IS STILL A MINOR, THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES
9 NOTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS UNDER § 7-302
10 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE THAT THE MINOR HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL
11 OR IRREGULAR IN ATTENDANCE WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE FOR MORE THAN 6
12 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE
13 ADMINISTRATION:

14 (1) SHALL SUSPEND THE LICENSE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS BUT NOT
15 MORE THAN 180 DAYS; AND

16 (2) MAY NOT REINSTATE THE LICENSE UNTIL THE SUSPENSION PERIOD
17 HAS EXPIRED OR THE MINOR BECOMES AN ADULT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

18 16-117.

19 (D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF EACH MINOR
20 LICENSEE WHO HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF
21 SCHOOLS UNDER § 7-302 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ABSENT OR IRREGULAR IN
22 ATTENDANCE WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE FOR MORE THAN 6 PERCENT OF THE DAYS
23 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

24 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL KEEP A RECORD REQUIRED UNDER
25 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION UNTIL THE LICENSEE BECOMES AN ADULT, AT
26 WHICH TIME THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DESTROY THE RECORD.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 1996.