

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 748

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Loading Zones" and substitute "Safety Study"; strike beginning with "prohibiting" in line 3 down through "circumstances" in line 5 and substitute "establishing a task force to study the safe boarding and discharging of children on school vehicles; providing for the membership of the task force; specifying the scope of the study and requiring a report of the task force's findings and recommendations by a specified date; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administrator to name the chairman of the task force and provide certain administrative support; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act"; in line 5, after "to" insert "the study of safety issues pertaining to"; in line 6, strike "on highways in the State"; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 13, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 1 through line 11 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Safe Boarding and Discharging of Children on School Vehicles.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 9 members:

(1) Two employees of the Motor Vehicle Administration, appointed by the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration;

(2) Two employees of the State Highway Administration, appointed by the Administrator of the State Highway Administration;

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(3) Two representatives of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (Maryland PTA), appointed by the President of the Maryland PTA; and

(4) Three members of the Maryland Association of Pupil Transportation Supervisors representing different geographical regions of the State, appointed by the President of the Association.

(c) The Task Force shall study:

(1) The use of loading zones for the purpose of receiving or discharging students by school vehicles;

(2) The use of flashing red lights on school vehicles while in a loading zone or while on a highway;

(3) The use of loading zones in situations where students would need to cross a highway for purposes of boarding or exiting a school vehicle; and

(4) Any other issue that the Task Force deems pertinent in relation to the safety of students boarding or exiting school vehicles.

(d) The Motor Vehicle Administrator shall:

(1) Name a chairman of the Task Force; and

(2) Provide administrative support for the meetings of the Task Force.

(e) On or before December 1, 1997, the Task Force shall issue a report of its findings and its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House of Delegates Commerce and Government Matters Committee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 13, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “1997.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no

further force and effect.”.