

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 748 (Delegate Cadden, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**School Buses - Receiving and Discharging Passengers - Safety Study**

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This amended bill establishes a nine-member Task Force to Study the Safe Boarding and Discharging of Children on School Vehicles. The task force is to study the (1) use of loading zones for the purpose of receiving or discharging students by school vehicles; (2) use of flashing red lights on school vehicles while in a loading zone or while on a highway; and (3) use of loading zones in situations where students would need to cross a highway for purposes of boarding or exiting a school vehicle. The task force's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and House Commerce and Government Matters Committee by December 1, 1997. The Motor Vehicle Administration will select the task force chairman and provide administrative support.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1997 and sunsets December 31, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Small businesses would not be directly affected by this bill.

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