

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 937 (Delegate Cadden. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Motor Vehicles - School Buses - Loading and Unloading of Passengers

This bill provides that a school vehicle driver may not receive or discharge passengers at any off-roadway location other than an approved loading zone. The bill stipulates that an approved loading zone be intended exclusively for passengers residing on the same side of the roadway as the loading zone. A school vehicle driver may not activate the vehicle's alternately flashing signals when receiving or discharging passengers at a loading zone bus stop. The bill also clarifies certain requirements governing the operation of school vehicles and situations whereby motorists do not have to stop for a school vehicle with alternately flashing signals (divided highways).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Local student transportation expenditures would not be affected by the bill's requirements. The bill clarifies current law and codifies some existing practices.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore County Public Schools

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