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By: **Senator Ruben**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Aggravated Reckless Endangerment - Causing Serious Physical Injury to**  
3 **Certain Bus Drivers**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from causing serious physical injury to  
5 a bus driver while the bus driver is performing the driver's official duties, if the  
6 bus driver is employed by a private school, a public school, or a county school  
7 system or is a driver of a bus owned by or operated by or for a private transit  
8 company, a public transit authority, or a local government; providing that a  
9 violation of this Act is aggravated reckless endangerment; providing that an  
10 individual who violates this Act while using a firearm is guilty of first degree  
11 assault; and providing certain penalties for violations of this Act.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
14 Section 12A-2.1  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

20 12A-2.1.

21 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT CAUSE SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO A BUS  
22 DRIVER WHILE THE BUS DRIVER IS PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES AS A DRIVER OF:

23 (1) A BUS THAT IS OWNED BY OR OPERATED BY OR FOR A PRIVATE  
24 TRANSIT COMPANY;

25 (2) A BUS THAT IS OWNED BY OR OPERATED BY OR FOR A PUBLIC  
26 TRANSIT AUTHORITY;

27 (3) A BUS THAT IS OWNED BY OR OPERATED BY OR FOR A LOCAL  
28 GOVERNMENT; OR

1 (4) A SCHOOL BUS WHILE EMPLOYED BY:

2 (I) A PRIVATE COMPANY THAT IS UNDER CONTRACT FOR  
3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES;

4 (II) A PRIVATE SCHOOL; OR

5 (III) A COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

6 (B) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS  
7 GUILTY OF THE FELONY OF AGGRAVATED RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT AND ON  
8 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT  
9 EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

10 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO USES A FIREARM IN VIOLATING SUBSECTION  
11 (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT AND ON CONVICTION IS  
12 SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER § 12A-1(B) OF THIS SUBHEADING.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2000.