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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Vehicle Laws - School Buses - Repeal of Special Speed Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that establishes a special maximum
4   speed limit for school buses carrying passengers, thereby making school buses
5   carrying passengers subject to the vehicle speed limits otherwise applicable
6   under law; and generally relating to school bus speed limits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article - Transportation
9   Section 21-806
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14   **Article - Transportation**

15 21-806.

16   [(a)   A person may not drive a Type I school vehicle (school bus) at a speed of
17 more than 50 miles an hour while it is carrying any passenger.

18   (b)   (1)]   (A)   On request of any local authority, the State Highway
19 Administration shall investigate and, on its own initiative, it may investigate any
20 bridge or other elevated structure that is a part of a highway.

1   [(2)]   (B)   If it determines that the structure cannot safely withstand the
2 weight of vehicles traveling at the maximum speed limit otherwise permitted by this
3 subtitle, the State Highway Administration shall:

4   [(i)]   (1)   Establish the maximum speed limit that the structure can
5 safely withstand; and

6   [(ii)]   (2)   At each approach to the structure, place or permit the
7 placement of a suitable sign stating the maximum speed limit.

8   [(3)]   (C)   A maximum speed limit established under this section is
9 effective when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.

10   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2001.