

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 415 (Senator Ruben)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Duty to Yield Right-of-Way to Buses and School Vehicles

The bill requires the driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a bus or school vehicle if the driver of the bus or school vehicle signals an intention to change lanes or merge into traffic from a stopped, standing, or parked position.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to this offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law (maximum \$500 fine). Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no provisions requiring a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a bus or school vehicle.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced as SB 243/HB 549 in 2000. SB 243 received an unfavorable report from the Judicial Proceedings Committee and HB 549 received an unfavorable report from the Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: HB 1280 (Delegates Bronrott and McIntosh) – Rules and Executive Nominations.

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