
By: **Delegates McKee and Edwards**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Buses - Speed Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the speed limit for a Type I school vehicle (school bus)
4 when it is traveling on an expressway and is carrying any passenger.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article - Transportation
7 Section 21-101(g)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 21-806(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 21-101.

19 (g) "Expressway" means a major highway of 2 or more traffic lanes in each
20 direction that is designed to eliminate principal traffic hazards and has the following
21 characteristics:

22 (1) A median divider separating opposing traffic lanes to eliminate
23 head-on collisions and sideswiping;

24 (2) Grade separation structures to eliminate the conflict of cross streams
25 of traffic at each intersection;

26 (3) Points of entrance and exit limited to predetermined locations;

1 (4) Vertical curves long enough to provide long sight distances; and

2 (5) Shoulders wide enough to permit vehicles to stop or park out of traffic
3 lanes.

4 21-806.

5 (a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
6 A person may not drive a Type I school vehicle (school bus) at a speed of more than 50
7 miles an hour while it is carrying any passenger.

8 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A TYPE I SCHOOL VEHICLE (SCHOOL BUS)
9 AT A SPEED OF MORE THAN 5 MILES AN HOUR BELOW THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT
10 WHILE IT IS CARRYING ANY PASSENGER ON AN EXPRESSWAY AS DEFINED IN §
11 21-101(G) OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
13 effect October 1, 2002.