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By: **Senator Green**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crosswalks - School Crossing Guards - Traffic Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a school crossing guard to signal, stop, or otherwise  
4 direct or regulate traffic only to permit the safe crossing of pedestrians in a  
5 crosswalk; prohibiting a person from willfully disobeying a lawful order or  
6 direction of a school crossing guard; requiring a school crossing guard to be an  
7 employee of a county or local law enforcement agency; requiring each county or  
8 local law enforcement agency to establish a training program and appropriate  
9 uniform for school crossing guards; providing a certain penalty for a violation of  
10 this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of traffic by school crossing  
11 guards.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 21-107  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article - Transportation  
19 Section 27-101(b)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 21-107.

26 (A) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD MAY SIGNAL, STOP, OR OTHERWISE DIRECT  
27 OR REGULATE TRAFFIC TO ALLOW THE SAFE CROSSING OF PEDESTRIANS IN A  
28 CROSSWALK.

1 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY DISOBEY A LAWFUL ORDER OR  
2 DIRECTION OF A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD EXERCISING THE AUTHORITY GRANTED  
3 IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (C) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY OR  
5 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

6 (D) EACH COUNTY OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL  
7 ESTABLISH:

8 (1) A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS IN THE LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S JURISDICTION; AND

10 (2) AN APPROPRIATE UNIFORM FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS IN THE  
11 COUNTY.

12 27-101.

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
14 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
15 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

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