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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police - School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund -**
3 **Reporting Date**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Secretary of State Police is
5 required to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the status of the
6 School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund; and generally relating to the School Bus
7 Safety Enforcement Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Public Safety
10 Section 4-202
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Public Safety
15 Section 4-204
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2003 Volume)

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

1 **Article - Public Safety**

2 4-202.

3 (a) There is a School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund.

4 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to assist law enforcement agencies in
5 addressing the problem of drivers illegally failing to stop for school vehicles.

6 (c) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

7 (2) The Secretary shall receive from the Fund each fiscal year the
8 amount, not exceeding \$50,000 in a fiscal year, necessary to offset its costs in
9 administering this subtitle.

10 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302
11 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

12 (2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller
13 shall account for the fund in conjunction with the Secretary.

14 (e) The Fund consists of:

15 (1) money credited to the Fund under § 17-106(e) of the Transportation
16 Article;

17 (2) money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund;
18 and

19 (3) investment earnings of the Fund.

20 (f) The Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same manner as
21 other State money may be invested.

22 (g) Expenditures from the Fund may only be made:

23 (1) in accordance with the State budget; or

24 (2) by the budget amendment procedure as provided in § 7-209 of the
25 State Finance and Procurement Article, if at least 45 days have passed since the
26 budget amendment and supporting information were submitted to the budget
27 committees for their review and comment.

28 4-204.

29 On or before [March 1] SEPTEMBER 1 of each year, the Secretary shall report to
30 the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
31 Assembly on:

32 (1) the status of the Fund;

- 1 (2) the grants made under this subtitle;
- 2 (3) the costs of administering this subtitle; and
- 3 (4) the effect of this subtitle in reducing the problem of drivers illegally
- 4 failing to stop for school vehicles.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2004.