

## CHAPTER 87

(House Bill 705)

AN ACT concerning

### **Department of State Police – School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund – Transfer to Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention**

FOR the purpose of transferring the administration of the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund from the Department of State Police to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the functions of the Secretary of the State Police relating to the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund to the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the administration of the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 4–201 through 4–204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Public Safety**

4–201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

**(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

[(b)] **(C)** “Fund” means the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund.

[(c)] **(D)** “Law enforcement agency” means the Department of State Police, the police department of a county or municipal corporation, or a sheriff’s office.

[(d)] **(E)** “School vehicle” has the meaning stated in § 11–154 of the Transportation Article.

[(e) “Secretary” means the Secretary of State Police.]

4-202.

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

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

(c) (1) The [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** shall administer the Fund.

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

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

(2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund in conjunction with the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**.

(e) The Fund consists of:

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

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

(3) investment earnings of the Fund.

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

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

(1) in accordance with the State budget; or

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

4-203.

(a) The [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** may make grants to law enforcement agencies from the Fund.

(b) The [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** shall establish procedures for law enforcement agencies to apply for grants from the Fund and for the evaluation of progress in addressing the problem of drivers illegally failing to stop for school vehicles.

(c) When making grants from the Fund, the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** shall consider:

(1) the extent of the problem of drivers illegally failing to stop for school vehicles in the area identified by the law enforcement agency applying for a grant;

(2) the law enforcement agency's goals and plans with respect to enhanced enforcement efforts that relate to § 21-706 of the Transportation Article; and

(3) other factors that the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** considers appropriate that relate to drivers illegally failing to stop for school vehicles.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** may not make a grant from the Fund exceeding \$35,000 in a fiscal year for use in a single county.

(2) If money remains available in the Fund after grants are initially awarded in a fiscal year, the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** may make supplemental grants to law enforcement agencies in accordance with procedures established by the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**.

(e) A law enforcement agency that receives a grant under this subtitle:

(1) may use the grant only in accordance with the terms of the grant for efforts that relate to the enforcement of § 21-706 of the Transportation Article; and

(2) shall comply with reporting requirements established by the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** to evaluate:

(i) the law enforcement agency's enforcement efforts under the grant; and

(ii) statewide enforcement efforts under this subtitle.

On or before September 1 of each year, the [Secretary] **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 2008, all the functions, powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund within the Department of State Police shall be transferred to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.**