

# HOUSE BILL 431

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By: **Delegate Hogan**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Use of School Bus Monitoring Cameras**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a recorded image taken by a school  
4 bus monitoring camera by expanding the types of license plates that the image  
5 may include; altering the defined term “recorded image” by repealing the  
6 requirement that an image may show only the rear of a motor vehicle;  
7 authorizing certain persons in certain counties to place school bus monitoring  
8 cameras on all school buses in the county; making a technical correction; and  
9 generally relating to the use of school bus monitoring cameras.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 21–706.1(a)(1)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 21–706.1(a)(4), (c), and (d)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 21–706.1.

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) “Recorded image” means images recorded by a school bus  
2 monitoring camera:

3           (i) On:

- 4           1. Two or more photographs;
- 5           2. Two or more microphotographs;
- 6           3. Two or more electronic images;
- 7           4. Videotape; or
- 8           5. Any other medium; and

9           (ii) Showing [the rear of] a motor vehicle and, on at least one  
10 image or portion of tape, clearly identifying the registration plate number of the motor  
11 vehicle.

12           (c) (1) A school bus monitoring camera may not be used in a local  
13 jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the  
14 local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

15           (2) If authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction, a law  
16 enforcement agency, in consultation with the county board of education, may place  
17 school bus monitoring cameras on [county] school buses **IN THE COUNTY**.

18           (d) A recorded image by a school bus monitoring camera under this section  
19 indicating that the driver of a motor vehicle has committed a violation shall include:

20           (1) An image of the motor vehicle;

21           (2) An image of **AT LEAST ONE OF** the motor vehicle’s [rear license  
22 plate] **REGISTRATION PLATES**;

23           (3) The time and date of the violation; and

24           (4) To the extent possible, the location of the violation.

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2012.