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By: **Delegate Lam**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Vehicles – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “school vehicle” to include certain vehicles  
4 that meet certain standards and requirements, were originally titled in another state  
5 and used to transport children, students, and teachers in that state, and are used  
6 only for transporting children to and from a certain program; and generally relating  
7 to school vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 11–154  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 11–173 and 11–174  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 11–154.

22 (a) “School vehicle” means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,  
23 any motor vehicle that:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Is used regularly for the exclusive transportation of children, students,  
2 or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity; and

3 (2) Is [either]:

4 (i) A Type I school vehicle, as defined in this subtitle; [or]

5 (ii) A Type II school vehicle, as defined in this subtitle; **OR**

6 **(III) A VEHICLE THAT:**

7 **1. WAS ORIGINALLY TITLED IN ANOTHER STATE AND**  
8 **USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN, STUDENTS, OR TEACHERS FOR EDUCATIONAL**  
9 **PURPOSES OR IN CONNECTION WITH A SCHOOL ACTIVITY IN THAT STATE;**

10 **2. MEETS THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**  
11 **ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A TYPE II SCHOOL**  
12 **VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBTITLE;**

13 **3. COMPLIES WITH REGULATIONS ON TRANSPORTING**  
14 **CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE FEDERALLY FUNDED HEAD START PROGRAM**  
15 **ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN**  
16 **SERVICES; AND**

17 **4. IS USED ONLY FOR TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO AND**  
18 **FROM A HEAD START PROGRAM.**

19 (b) "School vehicle" does not include:

20 (1) A privately owned vehicle while it is carrying members of its owner's  
21 household and not operated for compensation; or

22 (2) A vehicle that is registered as a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle under  
23 § 13-937 of this article or a Class A (passenger) vehicle under § 13-912 of this article and  
24 used to transport children between one or more schools or licensed child care centers or to  
25 and from designated areas that are approved by the Administration if:

26 (i) The vehicle is designed for carrying 15 persons or less, including  
27 the driver;

28 (ii) The children are permitted to embark or exit the vehicle only at  
29 a school or child care center or a designated area approved by the Administration;

30 (iii) The owner has obtained vehicle liability insurance or other  
31 security as required by Title 17 of this article; and

1 (iv) The vehicle is equipped with proper seat belts or safety seats so  
2 as to permit each child to be secured in a seat belt or a safety seat as required by §§  
3 22–412.2 and 22–412.3 of this article.

4 11–173.

5 (a) “Type I school vehicle” means a school vehicle that:

6 (1) Is designed and constructed to carry passengers;

7 (2) Is either of the body–on–chassis type construction or integral type  
8 construction; and

9 (3) Has a gross vehicle weight of more than 15,000 pounds and provides a  
10 minimum of 13 inches of seating space per passenger.

11 (b) “Type I school vehicle” does not include any bus operated by a common carrier  
12 under the jurisdiction of a State, regional, or federal regulatory agency or operated by the  
13 agency itself.

14 11–174.

15 “Type II school vehicle” means a school vehicle that:

16 (1) Is designed and constructed to carry passengers;

17 (2) Is either of the body–on–chassis type construction or integral type  
18 construction; and

19 (3) Has a gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or less and provides a  
20 minimum of 13 inches of seating space per passenger.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2017.