

HOUSE BILL 495

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Civil Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the civil penalty for a violation recorded by a school bus
4 monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately
5 flashing red lights; and generally relating to civil penalties for violations recorded by
6 school bus monitoring cameras.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–706 and 21–706.1(a)(6)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 21–706.1(e)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 21–706.

21 (a) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately
22 flashing red lights specified in § 22–228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle
23 meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the
24 school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the
25 front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its front.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately
2 flashing red lights specified in § 22–228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle
3 meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the school vehicle resumes
4 motion or the alternately flashing red lights are deactivated.

5 (c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway, if
6 the school vehicle is on a different roadway.

7 21–706.1.

8 (a) (6) “Violation” means a violation of § 21–706 of this subtitle.

9 (e) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
10 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (h)(5) of this
11 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
12 recorded by a school bus monitoring camera during the commission of a violation.

13 (2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed [~~\$250~~] **\$500**.

14 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

15 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (f)(1) of this
16 section and § 7–302 of the Courts Article; and

17 (ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid
18 by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

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