

# SENATE BILL 78

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Crossing Guards – Authority to Direct Traffic**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by  
4 authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain qualifications to direct  
5 vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist  
6 nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; ~~providing for the~~  
7 ~~application of this Act;~~ and generally relating to the authority of school crossing  
8 guards to direct traffic.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 21–107  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 21–107.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) A school crossing guard who meets the qualifications in subsection (b) of this  
2 section may stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school  
3 grounds to assist:

4 (1) Pedestrians in the safe crossing of highways at a school crossing; [and]

5 (2) School vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; AND

6 (3) ~~EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, VEHICLES~~ VEHICLES THAT ARE  
7 NOT SCHOOL VEHICLES IN ENTERING AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS.

8 (b) A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic as described in subsection  
9 (a) of this section if the school crossing guard:

10 (1) Is 18 years of age or older;

11 (2) Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency or a county school  
12 board;

13 (3) Has completed training to perform any traffic direction duties to which  
14 the guard is assigned as prescribed by the law enforcement agency or county school board  
15 that has control over the school crossing guard; and

16 (4) Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the law enforcement  
17 agency or county school board that has control over the school crossing guard.

18 (c) A person may not willfully disobey a lawful direction of a school crossing guard  
19 exercising the authority granted in this section.

20 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a school crossing guard who does not meet  
21 the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section from assisting a pedestrian to  
22 cross a highway, providing the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing  
23 traffic.

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