SENATE BILL 341

R7, F1 7lr2540 CF HB 23

By: Senator Edwards

AN ACT concerning

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

2 Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles - Definition

- FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "school vehicle" to include certain vehicles that meet certain standards and requirements, were originally titled in another state and used to transport children, students, and teachers in that state, and are used only for transporting children to and from a certain program; and generally relating to school vehicles.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Transportation
- 10 Section 11–154

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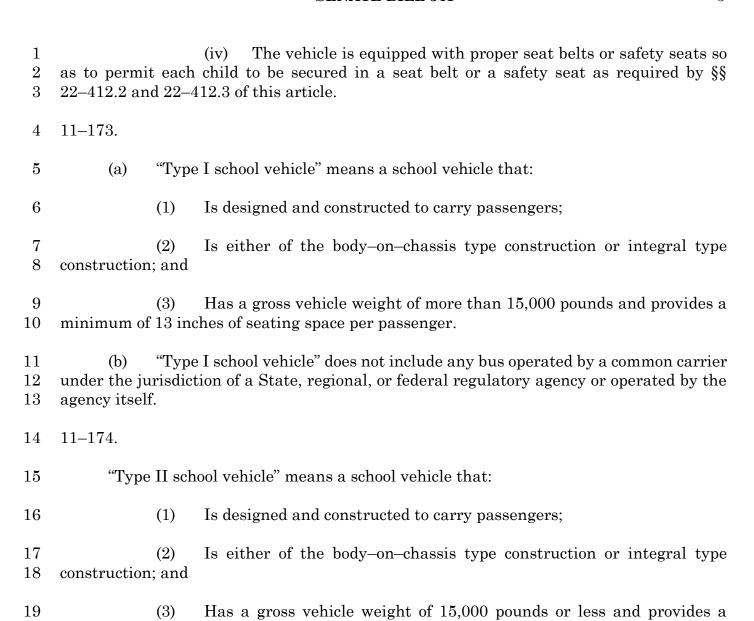
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 14 Article Transportation
- 15 Section 11–173 and 11–174
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT 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:



$1\\2$	(1) Is used regularly for the exclusive transportation of children, students, 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 8 9	1. Was originally titled in another state and used to transport children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity in that state;
10 11 12	2. MEETS THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A TYPE II SCHOOL VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
13 14 15 16	3. COMPLIES WITH REGULATIONS ON TRANSPORTING CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE FEDERALLY FUNDED HEAD START PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND
17 18	4. IS USED ONLY FOR TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO AND FROM A HEAD START PROGRAM.
19	(b) "School vehicle" does not include:
20 21	(1) A privately owned vehicle while it is carrying members of its owner's household and not operated for compensation; or
22 23 24 25	(2) A vehicle that is registered as a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle under § 13–937 of this article or a Class A (passenger) vehicle under § 13–912 of this article and used to transport children between one or more schools or licensed child care centers or to and from designated areas that are approved by the Administration if:
26 27	(i) The vehicle is designed for carrying 15 persons or less, including the driver;
28 29	(ii) The children are permitted to embark or exit the vehicle only at 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

security as required by Title 17 of this article; and

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

minimum of 13 inches of seating space per passenger.

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October 1, 2017.