

SENATE BILL 44

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Young**

Requested: November 3, 2017

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Buses – Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a school bus to ensure that the school bus is
5 inspected, repaired, and maintained in accordance with certain federal regulations;
6 prohibiting the owner of a school bus from allowing the school bus to be operated
7 unless it meets the requirements of this Act; authorizing the Motor Vehicle
8 Administration to suspend the registration of a school bus that does not meet the
9 requirements of this Act; and generally relating to school bus inspection, repair, and
10 maintenance.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 23–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. School Bus Inspection,
14 Repair, and Maintenance”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 **SUBTITLE 3A. SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE.**

21 **23–3A–01.**

22 **(A) THE OWNER OF A SCHOOL BUS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL BUS**
23 **IS INSPECTED, REPAIRED, AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **396 OF THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS.**

2 **(B) THE OWNER OF A SCHOOL BUS MAY NOT ALLOW THE SCHOOL BUS TO BE**
3 **OPERATED UNLESS IT IS INSPECTED, REPAIRED, AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE**
4 **WITH THIS SECTION.**

5 **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF A SCHOOL**
6 **BUS THAT IS NOT INSPECTED, REPAIRED, OR MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
7 **THIS SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2018.