HOUSE BILL 750

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By: **Delegate D. Jones** Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022 Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Education – Jobs That Require Driving – Requirements (Drivers Education for Good Jobs Act of 2022)

- FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to authorize a certain employee
 to transport a public school student in a vehicle; requiring, on or before a certain
 date, the Career and Technical Education Committee to establish a certain pathway
 for students to prepare for a career as a driver and an annual goal for the number of
 students who obtain certain licenses before a certain event; and generally relating to
 education for careers in driving.
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Education
- 12 Section 6–127 and 21–211
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- Article Education
 6-127.
 A COUNTY BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OR
 AN EMPLOYEE OF A PERSON THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY BOARD TO
 TRANSPORT A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN A VEHICLE IF THE DRIVER IS:
- 22 (1) AT LEAST 19 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS OLD; AND
- 23 (2) HAS AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DRIVING A VEHICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **21–211.**

2 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022, THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL 3 EDUCATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 21–209 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL 4 ESTABLISH:

5 (1) A STATEWIDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY 6 FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER THAT REQUIRES DRIVING 7 SKILLS AND A DRIVER'S LICENSE, INCLUDING DRIVERS OF BUSES, TRUCKS, 8 PASSENGER CARS, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT, THAT LEADS TO THE STUDENT 9 ACHIEVING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE NEEDED FOR THE CAREER AND INCLUDES 10 ASSISTANCE WITH:

11 (I) OBTAINING A STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE WHEN THE 12 INDIVIDUAL IS 16 YEARS OLD;

(II) ENROLLING IN AND COMPLETING COURSES REQUIRED TO
 OBTAIN A COMMERCIAL LICENSE OR SPECIALTY LICENSE ASSOCIATED WITH A
 CAREER IN DRIVING BEFORE THE END OF THE STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH
 SCHOOL;

17 (III) COMPLETING 3 WEEKS OF ON-THE-ROAD TRAINING 18 BEFORE JULY 1 DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR OF 19 HIGH SCHOOL; AND

20(IV) OBTAINING A COMMERCIAL OR SPECIALTY DRIVER'S21LICENSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE STUDENT REACHES THE AGE OF 1822YEARS; AND

(2) AN ANNUAL GOAL FOR THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN
 THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE FOR A CAREER AS A DRIVER BEFORE THEY GRADUATE
 HIGH SCHOOL.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 27 1, 2022.