

HOUSE BILL 753

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 421

By: ~~Delegate D. Jones~~ **Delegates D. Jones and Lisanti**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Schools – Bus Driver Wages – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Governor’s Workforce Development Board~~ Department
4 of Transportation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, on or
5 before a certain date, to evaluate, study, and identify certain issues related to wages
6 paid to certain bus drivers and report its findings to the governing body of each
7 county and Baltimore City, each county board of education, including Baltimore City,
8 the Governor, and the General Assembly; and generally relating to wages for bus
9 drivers that serve primary and secondary schools.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) In this section, “bus driver” means an individual employed to drive a bus that
13 serves a primary or secondary school in the State, including an individual who is employed
14 by:

15 (1) a county board of education, including Baltimore City;

16 (2) a person that contracts with a local school system to provide bus driving
17 services at a public or private school in the State; or

18 (3) a private primary or secondary school in the State.

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 (b) On or before July 1, 2022, the ~~Governor's Workforce Development Board~~
2 Department of Transportation, in consultation with the State Department of Education,
3 shall:

4 (1) evaluate the possibility of paying prevailing wage rates, which is the
5 estimated hourly rate of wages paid in the locality as determined by the ~~Governor's~~
6 Workforce Development Board Department of Transportation, in consultation with the
7 State Department of Education, to bus drivers;

8 (2) study and identify the wages that must be paid to bus drivers to ensure
9 that the vacancy rate for bus drivers is below 2% of the total number of bus drivers needed
10 to serve primary and secondary schools in the State; and

11 (3) report the findings under items (1) and (2) of this subsection to the
12 governing body of each county and Baltimore City, each county board of education,
13 including Baltimore City, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
14 Government Article, the General Assembly.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
16 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
17 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
18 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
19 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023,
20 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
21 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.