

# HOUSE BILL 1055

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By: ~~Delegate Smith~~ **Delegates Smith and Lierman**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Transportation – Student Transportation – Transit Buses and Carpooling~~  
3 ~~Baltimore City – Maryland Transit Administration – Transit Services for Public~~  
4 ~~School Students and Youth Workers~~

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ~~middle~~  
6 ~~school and high school students in Baltimore City with a tangible and digital student~~  
7 ~~transit pass and student transit identification card; authorizing a student who loses~~  
8 ~~a student transit pass or student transit identification card and appears to be under~~  
9 ~~a certain age to ride a transit bus without charge; prohibiting the Administration~~  
10 ~~from imposing any restrictions on the use of a student transit pass; establishing a~~  
11 ~~Student Carpool Incentive Program; requiring the State Department of~~  
12 ~~Transportation to provide a certain amount to schools and carpool drivers~~  
13 ~~participating in the Program; requiring the Administration on or before a certain~~  
14 ~~date for certain years, to increase bus driver pay by a certain amount per hour;~~  
15 ~~requiring the Administration, on or before a certain date for certain years, to add a~~  
16 ~~certain number of transit buses to the Baltimore City weekday fleet; requiring a~~  
17 ~~transit bus to stop for certain individuals; and generally relating to student~~  
18 ~~transportation and bus transit~~ certain services to certain students of the Baltimore  
19 City Public School System and youth workers in the Baltimore City YouthWorks  
20 program; prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from seeking certain fees  
21 or reimbursement; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration  
22 and free ridership for Baltimore City Public School System students and youth  
23 workers.

24 ~~BY adding to~~

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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 ~~Article – Education~~  
 2 ~~Section 7-810 and 7-811~~  
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 4 ~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

5 BY adding to  
 6 Article – Transportation  
 7 Section 7-710 and 7-714  
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

12 ~~Article – Education~~

13 ~~7-810.~~

14 ~~(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.~~

15 ~~(B) (1) THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE~~  
 16 ~~MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A TANGIBLE AND DIGITAL:~~

17 ~~(i) STUDENT TRANSIT PASS; AND~~

18 ~~(ii) STUDENT TRANSIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.~~

19 ~~(2) A STUDENT WHO LOSES A STUDENT TRANSIT PASS OR STUDENT~~  
 20 ~~TRANSIT IDENTIFICATION CARD AND APPEARS TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 22 YEARS~~  
 21 ~~MAY RIDE A TRANSIT BUS WITHOUT CHARGE.~~

22 ~~(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY RESTRICTIONS,~~  
 23 ~~INCLUDING TEMPORAL RESTRICTIONS, ON THE USE OF A STUDENT TRANSIT PASS.~~

24 ~~7-811.~~

25 ~~(A) THERE IS A STUDENT CARPOOL INCENTIVE PROGRAM.~~

26 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR:~~

27 ~~(1) SCHOOLS TO ENCOURAGE CARPOOLING; AND~~

28 ~~(2) PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS USING~~  
 29 ~~CARPOOLS.~~

1 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A~~  
2 ~~REGISTRATION PORTAL FOR THE PROGRAM.~~

3 ~~(D) (1) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN~~  
4 ~~SHALL REGISTER THE CARPOOL ON THE PROGRAM PORTAL, INCLUDING~~  
5 ~~INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL THAT A PARTICIPATING STUDENT ATTENDS.~~

6 ~~(2) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY DESIGNATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL~~  
7 ~~AS A CARPOOL DRIVER.~~

8 ~~(E) FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, EACH YEAR THE STATE~~  
9 ~~DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROVIDE:~~

10 ~~(1) \$1,000 TO A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL FOR EACH CARPOOL~~  
11 ~~TRANSPORTING FOUR OR MORE STUDENTS FROM THREE OR MORE HOUSEHOLDS;~~  
12 ~~AND~~

13 ~~(2) \$300 TO THE REGISTERED CARPOOL DRIVER FOR EACH~~  
14 ~~REGISTERED STUDENT.~~

15 ~~Article – Transportation~~

16 ~~7-710.~~

17 ~~(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH~~  
18 ~~2027, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL INCREASE BUS DRIVER PAY BY \$1 PER HOUR.~~

19 ~~(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH~~  
20 ~~2026, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADD 100 TRANSIT BUSES TO THE BALTIMORE~~  
21 ~~CITY WEEKDAY FLEET.~~

22 ~~7-714.~~

23 ~~A TRANSIT BUS SHALL STOP FOR:~~

24 ~~(1) PREGNANT INDIVIDUALS;~~

25 ~~(2) MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN; AND~~

26 ~~(3) INDIVIDUALS WHO APPEAR TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 22 YEARS.~~

27 ~~Article – Transportation~~

28 ~~7-710.~~

1           **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT**  
2 **VEHICLES TO ANY ELIGIBLE:**

3                   **(1) STUDENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE CITY; AND**

4                   **(2) YOUTH WORKER IN THE BALTIMORE CITY YOUTHWORKS**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6           **(B) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**  
7 **SHALL BE PROVIDED ONLY FOR:**

8                   **(1) A STUDENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN BALTIMORE CITY:**

9                           **(I) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5 A.M. AND 8 P.M.; AND**

10                           **(II) FOR SCHOOL-RELATED OR EDUCATIONAL**  
11 **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ON AND OFF CAMPUS; OR**

12                   **(2) A YOUTH WORKER IN THE BALTIMORE CITY YOUTHWORKS**  
13 **PROGRAM:**

14                           **(I) DURING THE YOUTHWORKS SUMMER JOB PERIOD; AND**

15                           **(II) FOR PURPOSES OF ENGAGING IN YOUTHWORKS-RELATED**  
16 **ACTIVITIES.**

17           **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT COLLECT FEES OR REIMBURSEMENT**  
18 **FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

19           **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH BALTIMORE CITY**  
20 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT,**  
21 **SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR**  
22 **STUDENTS AND YOUTH WORKERS RECEIVING A STUDENT TRANSIT PASS FOR THE**  
23 **USE OF SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2022.