SENATE BILL 238

By: Senator Salling
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2022
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Crossing Guards – Hiring and Budget Allocation

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to require the local school system to hire school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding for school crossing guards in the county board budget; requiring the county police department, if the county board is not able to provide sufficient funding to hire school crossing guards for each public school in the county, to hire the additional number of school crossing guards necessary to provide school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding for school crossing guards in the county police department budget; and generally relating to public school crossing guards.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–810
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–810.

(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

(1) REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM TO HIRE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY; AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(2) PROVIDE IN THE COUNTY BOARD BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) IF A COUNTY BOARD IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) HIRE THE ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY; AND

(2) PROVIDE IN THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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