

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1289

(Delegate Arian, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

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**Vehicle Laws - Learner's Instructional Permits and Identification Cards -  
Required Documents**

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This bill authorizes the parent or guardian of a learner's instructional permit or identification card applicant younger than age 18 to submit documentation in their own name to establish the applicant's State residency. Further, the bill specifies the requirement that a learner's instructional permit applicant younger than age 16 must submit a copy of the applicant's school attendance record applies only to applicants enrolled in a public school.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:**

*Identification Cards*

On application, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) must issue an identification card to any applicant who is a Maryland resident, does not have a driver's license, presents a birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age and identity, and provides satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has a valid Social Security number or is not

eligible for a Social Security number. MVA may issue an identification card to an applicant without lawful status under specified circumstances if the applicant would otherwise be eligible for that document.

*Learner's Instructional Permits*

Each applicant for a learner's instructional permit who is younger than age 16 must present MVA with a copy of the applicant's school attendance record. MVA may not issue a learner's instructional permit to any applicant whose attendance record indicates more than 10 unexcused absences during the prior school semester.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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