

HOUSE BILL 71

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Sample-Hughes**

Requested: November 18, 2022

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – School Vehicle Drivers – Medical Examinations**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a regular time period within which a school vehicle driver
4 is required to pass a medical examination; and generally relating to medical
5 examinations for school vehicle drivers.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 16–816

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 16–816.

15 (a) An individual may not drive a school vehicle on any highway in this State
16 unless the individual:

17 (1) Passes an appropriate medical examination **BEFORE EMPLOYMENT**
18 **AND ONCE DURING EACH 2 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT**; and

19 (2) For driving a school bus, has been issued a commercial driver’s license
20 endorsed school bus.

21 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, a driver of a school

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 vehicle may not allow an individual who is not a student or school employee to board or ride
2 on the school vehicle.

3 (c) An individual may board and ride on a school vehicle as a school vehicle
4 attendant if the individual:

5 (1) (i) Is an employee of the local school system or transportation
6 company that operates the school vehicle;

7 (ii) Is otherwise authorized by the local school system to act as a
8 school vehicle attendant for a child on the school vehicle; or

9 (iii) Is a nurse, an aide, or any other individual assigned or
10 authorized to work with a student in accordance with the student's individualized
11 education program, 504 Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other
12 student-specific written plan; and

13 (2) (i) Is in possession of photo identification that identifies the local
14 school system or transportation company that employs the individual as a school vehicle
15 attendant; or

16 (ii) Is in possession of photo identification or another document
17 issued by the local school system that authorizes the individual to act as a school vehicle
18 attendant for a child on the school vehicle.

19 (d) An individual may board and ride on a school vehicle with the written
20 permission of the local school system.

21 (e) With the advice of the State Department of Education, the Administration
22 may adopt regulations concerning the qualifications of school vehicle drivers.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2023.