

# SENATE BILL 491

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By: **Charles County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County Board of Education – School Bus Contractor Employees –**  
3 **Negotiations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Charles County Board of Education be considered  
5 as a joint employer of certain school bus contractor employees for certain purposes;  
6 requiring the Board to include representatives who reflect the interests of the  
7 employees in negotiations over a master school bus service contract; and generally  
8 relating to the Charles County Board of Education and school bus contractor  
9 employees.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Local Government  
12 Section 11–602  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Local Government**

18 **11–602.**

19 **(A) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD**  
20 **OF EDUCATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A JOINT EMPLOYER OF SCHOOL BUS**  
21 **CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE**  
22 **LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY UNDER A MASTER SCHOOL BUS SERVICE CONTRACT**  
23 **REGARDING MATTERS OF SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTOR WAGES, BENEFITS, AND**  
24 **WORKPLACE RULES AND POLICIES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE**  
2 **REPRESENTATIVES WHO REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTOR**  
3 **EMPLOYEES IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS OVER A MASTER**  
4 **SCHOOL BUS SERVICE CONTRACT.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2023.