

## Chapter 683

**(House Bill 319)**

AN ACT concerning

**County Boards of Education – Student Transportation – Sunset Repeal and Study**

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that authorize a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to study the current regulations for vehicles other than a certain type of school vehicle; and generally relating to vehicles for student transportation and county boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 197 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2021**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

**Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2021**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, shall review the regulations adopted under § 7–801(c) of the Education Article, as enacted by Chapters 197 and 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021, authorizing vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles to transport public school students.

(b) In reviewing the regulations, the Department shall examine:

(1) the requirements for vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles, including whether they arbitrarily distinguish between different operators of a vehicle, different types of vehicles, and the number of passengers transported;

(2) the requirements for the drivers of vehicles other than Type I and Type II school vehicles, including whether they adequately ensure drivers are prepared for transporting public school students; and

(3) the regulations adopted by the Public Service Commission for transportation network operators and whether the regulations adopted by the Department can be brought into alignment with those regulations without sacrificing student safety.

(c) On or before January 1, 2027, the State Department of Education shall report on the results of its review to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.**