

# HOUSE BILL 319

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By: **Delegate Sample–Hughes**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Chapter 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
17 Section 3

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

20 **Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2021**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2021. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,  
3 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
4 of no further force and effect.]

5 **Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2021**

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
7 1, 2021. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,  
8 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
9 of no further force and effect.]

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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