

# SENATE BILL 574

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By: **Charles County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Student Bus Transportation Providers – Provider**  
3 **Displacement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide certain  
5 notice and hold a certain public hearing before taking any action that results in a  
6 certain displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation  
7 services in Charles County; and generally relating to student bus transportation  
8 services in Charles County.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7-811  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7-811.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “DISPLACEMENT” MEANS THE PROVISION OF  
19 STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BY THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF  
20 EDUCATION IN A MANNER THAT PRECLUDES A PRIVATE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN  
21 PROVIDING THE SERVICES FROM CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES.

22 (2) “DISPLACEMENT” DOES NOT INCLUDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN  
23 WHICH:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



5 (II) THE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE STUDENT  
6 BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

14 (B) AT LEAST 10 YEARS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION THAT RESULTS IN THE  
15 DISPLACEMENT OF A PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING STUDENT BUS  
16 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN CHARLES COUNTY, THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD  
17 OF EDUCATION SHALL:

22 (2) (I) HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
23 ADVISABILITY OF THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDING THE  
24 STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND

25 (II) PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARING TO THE PUBLIC BY  
26 PUBLISHING A NOTIFICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE  
27 COUNTY ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARING.

28 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITHIN 1  
29 YEAR AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND AT LEAST 2 YEARS BEFORE ANY  
30 DISPLACEMENT, THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE  
31 WRITTEN NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL OF THE DISPLACEMENT TO THE PERSON  
32 PROVIDING THE STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

5 (I) THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PAYS THE  
6 DISPLACED PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE SERVICES AN AMOUNT EQUAL  
7 TO THE PERSON'S GROSS RECEIPTS FOR PROVIDING THE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY  
8 FOR THE PRECEDING 24-MONTH PERIOD;

12 (III) THE PERSON STOPS PROVIDING THE SERVICES IN THE  
13 COUNTY.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2026.