

SENATE BILL 968

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By: **Senator Gallion**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Bus – Fire Safety Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a school bus be constructed with certain
4 materials that enable it to meet certain criteria established by the National School
5 Transportation specifications and procedures adopted by the most recent National
6 Congress on School Transportation; and generally relating to school bus fire safety
7 standards.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–808
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 7–808.

17 (a) In this section, “school bus” has the meaning stated in § 11–153 of the
18 Transportation Article.

19 (b) [A school bus shall be constructed with materials that enable it to meet all the
20 criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by the National School
21 Transportation specifications and procedures adopted at the most recent National Congress
22 on School Transportation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c)] The Motor Vehicle Administration, with the advice of the Department, shall
2 adopt regulations to promote fire safety standards of school buses.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2026.