



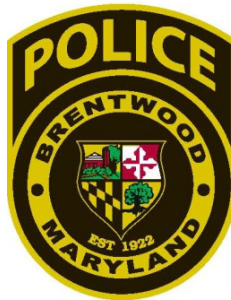
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Kumar B. Barve Chairman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Robert P. Althoff, Jr. Chief of Police, Town of Brentwood

DATE: February 26, 2020

RE: HB 1180 Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Child Care Centers

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Mayor and Members of the Council for the Town of Brentwood, Prince George's County Maryland, SUPPORT HB 1180. This bill establishes speed monitoring devices to control excessive speeds within Child Care Centers. It is our hope with approving HB 1180 that once a driver is aware that a speed monitoring device is installed in areas where Child Care Centers are located, drivers should immediately adapt to the posted speed limit in designated areas.

The intent of HB 1180 will allow police agencies, to include a small police agency such as the Town of Brentwood, the means and ability to manage violations of excessive speed that may jeopardize children's safety in areas where Child Care Centers exists.

Currently speed monitoring devices have been successfully implemented in work and school zones, which have reduced traffic accidents. These devices are also successful with reducing speed in work and school zones. Considering the similar nature of a

school zone and Child Care Centers by establishing a supportive outcome of this bill and creating a comparable penalty would seem appropriate.

For this reason, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Brentwood and myself as Chief of Police, SUPPORT HB 1180 and urge a FAVORABLE committee report.