



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: HB 264 - Speed Monitoring Systems - School Zones - Nursery Schools

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 264, which adds nursery schools to the list of qualified facilities around which a school zone can be created for the purpose of implementing speed cameras.

Currently, municipalities are authorized to place speed cameras within school zones in their jurisdiction after following a public process. There is a limitation, however, on the types of school facilities around which a school zone can be created. The current definition of school zone only allows for their creation around facilities that have school related activities for kids in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

The current speed camera law is targeted at reducing speeding in areas with children, and with good reason. HB 264 takes an incremental step by allowing school zones to be created around nursery schools, where there are large concentrations of very young children.

Speeding is a problem in many municipalities, and this bill adds one more type of facility that can benefit from the presence of speed cameras. As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 264 with a favorable report.

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