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BILL NO: SB 45

TITLE: Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts

SPONSOR: Senator Benjamin Brooks, Carl Jackson and Jim Rosapepe

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 16, 2026

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 45 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts. This bill authorizes the use of speed monitoring systems, primarily referred to as “speed cameras,” in residential areas. This legislation enables local law enforcement to place speed monitoring systems in residential areas with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

Current law prohibits Baltimore County from placing speed cameras outside of school zones with a posted limit of least 20 miles per hour. This legislation grants local law enforcement the authority to determine and select placement of speed monitoring systems across the jurisdiction. Ultimately, the legislation aims to reduce the volume of speeding amongst motor vehicle operators in residential districts.

The Baltimore County Police Department has specialized units dedicated to traffic management and to vehicle crash investigations, due to the high volume of traffic accidents causing property damage, personal injuries and death. Prior to placement and deployment of speed monitoring systems in residential areas, each location will be evaluated based upon the following factors:

- Community Request
- Speed Survey
- Crash Data from Crime Analysis Unit
- Physical Site Evaluation

Additional factors such as actual placement and the geometry of the road (curves or hills), sight distance and on-street parking are taken into consideration to ensure the system is alleviating burden on the community than imposing one.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 45 from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. For more information, please contact Kayenda Twesigye, State Legislative Officer of Government Affairs at ktwesigye@baltimorecountymd.gov.