

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Bill No. 47-20

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Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair  
By Request of County Executive  
&  
Councilmembers Bevins, Kach & Patoka

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By the County Council, April 20, 2020

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

School Bus Monitoring Cameras

FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of school bus monitoring cameras in the county; defining  
a certain term; and generally relating to the use of school bus monitoring cameras in the  
county.

BY adding

Sections 18-5-101, ~~and~~ 18-5-102, 18-5-103, and 18-5-104  
Title 5. School Bus Monitoring Cameras  
Article 18. Transportation  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

- 1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 Article 18. Transportation.

2 TITLE 5. SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS.

3 § 18-5-101.

4 IN THIS TITLE, "SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA" HAS THE MEANING STATED  
5 IN § 21-706.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
6 MARYLAND.

7 § 18-5-102.

8 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-706.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE  
9 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY INSTALL,  
10 AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CITATIONS FROM, SCHOOL BUS  
11 MONITORING CAMERAS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

12 § 18-5-103.

13 A VIOLATION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THIS TITLE IS  
14 SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$250. ANY PROPOSED INCREASE  
15 IN THE CIVIL PENALTY IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

16 § 18-5-104.

17 FOR ALL REVENUE GENERATED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY  
18 THIS TITLE, A MINIMUM OF TWO PERCENT (2%) SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR  
19 PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND  
20 DRIVER AWARENESS OF STUDENT PEDESTRIANS IN SCHOOL ZONES OR AT  
21 SCHOOL BUS STOPS.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Police Department shall  
2 submit to the County Council on the first anniversary after the effective date of this Act and  
3 annually thereafter a report that details the effect of the School Bus Monitoring Cameras  
4 Program, including, but not limited to, the following:

5           (1) the number of cameras currently in use on school buses;

6           (2) a description of the routes the equipped buses take;

7           (3) detailed breakdowns of the number of alleged violations and citations issued by  
8 relevant vectors, including, but not limited to, time of day, bus route, location of alleged  
9 violation, and census tract of citation mailings;

10          (4) the number and details, if available, of alleged violations that did not result in  
11 citations being issued by the Department;

12          (5) a report of fines issued that were paid late or remain unpaid that details and compares  
13 the date of fine issuance, the length of delinquency, the census tract of the citation mailing, and  
14 the location of the alleged violation; and

15          (6) a report of all instances the Program was used by law enforcement to further or  
16 investigate other traffic-related or non-traffic criminal or illegal activity.

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18          SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, this Act shall take effect 45 days  
19 from the date of enactment.