

HOUSE BILL 761

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Distribution of Fines**

3 **MC 6–24**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the fines collected by Montgomery County as a result of
5 violations enforced on State highways by school bus monitoring cameras be
6 distributed in a certain manner to be used only to enhance pedestrian safety at
7 certain locations; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue generated by
8 school bus monitoring cameras in Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 7–302(e)(4)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 21–706.1(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

22 7–302.

23 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the
24 fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems, a
2 political subdivision:

3 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
4 the speed monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring
5 systems; and

6 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
7 paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including
8 pedestrian safety programs.

9 (ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines
10 collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring
11 systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in
12 accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total
13 revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit
14 any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.

15 2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under
16 this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.

17 (iii) The fines collected by Prince George's County as a result of
18 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 shall be remitted
19 to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely
20 to assist in covering the costs of:

21 1. Examining the engineering, infrastructure, and other
22 relevant factors that may contribute to safety issues on Maryland Route 210 in Prince
23 George's County;

24 2. Reporting its findings and recommendations on any
25 solutions to these safety issues; and

26 3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.

27 (iv) 1. From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of
28 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83, any balance remaining
29 after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to
30 the Comptroller for distribution to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to be
31 used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in
32 Baltimore City.

33 2. Fines remitted to the Baltimore City Department of
34 Transportation under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph are supplemental to and
35 are not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses
36 described under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

(v) From the fines collected by Anne Arundel County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of speed reduction measures and roadway and pedestrian safety improvements on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line.

(vi) From the fines collected by the Town of Oxford as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, any balance remaining after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements in and around the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue.

(VII) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS ON STATE HIGHWAYS, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED ONLY TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED.

Article – Transportation

21–706.1.

(c) (1) A school bus monitoring camera may not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

(2) If authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction, a law enforcement agency, in consultation with the county board of education, may place school bus monitoring cameras on school buses in the county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.