

SENATE BILL 727

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By: **Charles County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Student Bus Transportation Providers – Provider**
3 **Displacement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide certain
5 notice and hold a certain public hearing before taking any action that results in a
6 certain displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation
7 services in Charles County; and generally relating to student bus transportation
8 services in Charles County.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–811
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–811.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “DISPLACEMENT” MEANS THE PROVISION OF**
19 **STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BY THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF**
20 **EDUCATION THAT PRECLUDES A PRIVATE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE**
21 **SERVICES AND IS LICENSED AND CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES FROM**
22 **CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES.**

23 **(2) “DISPLACEMENT” DOES NOT INCLUDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN**
24 **WHICH:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(I) THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DOES NOT RENEW A CONTRACT FOR STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND AT THE END OF THE CONTRACT TERM, CONTRACTS WITH ANOTHER PERSON TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES; OR

(II) THE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

1. HAS ACTED IN A MANNER THREATENING TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY;

2. HAS COMMITTED A MATERIAL BREACH OF A CONTRACT FOR STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; OR

3. REFUSES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN EXISTING AGREEMENT.

(B) BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION THAT RESULTS IN THE DISPLACEMENT OF A PERSON THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN CHARLES COUNTY, THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

(1) AT LEAST 10 YEARS BEFORE THE DISPLACEMENT, PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO DISPLACE TO EACH PERSON THAT PROVIDES THE SERVICES IN CHARLES COUNTY; AND

(2) (I) AT LEAST 5 YEARS BEFORE THE DISPLACEMENT, HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THE CHARLES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDING THE STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND

(II) PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARING TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLISHING A NOTIFICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.