

HOUSE BILL 1227

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – ~~Vehicle Control and Monitoring Systems –~~**
3 **~~Distribution of Contested Traffic Fines, Application, and Implementation~~**
4 **School Bus Stops on Highways – Alterations**

5 **MC 8-25**

6 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring, beginning on a certain date, that citations issued for certain~~
7 ~~alleged traffic violations in Montgomery County provide that the penalty be paid~~
8 ~~directly to Montgomery County; requiring, beginning on a certain date, that the fines~~
9 ~~collected by Montgomery County as a result of certain traffic violations contested in~~
10 ~~the District Court be distributed in a certain manner to be used only to assist in~~
11 ~~covering the cost to construct median dividers on certain highways in Montgomery~~
12 ~~County; altering the application of and implementation date for a provision of law~~
13 ~~regarding school bus stops located on certain highways in Montgomery County; and~~
14 ~~generally relating to vehicle control and monitoring systems~~ school bus stops on
15 highways in Montgomery County.

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
17 ~~Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~
18 ~~Section 7-302(c)(2)~~
19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
20 ~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

21 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
22 ~~Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~Section 7-302(e)(4)(i) and (ii)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~
~~Section 7-302(e)(4)(vii)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7-801.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

~~**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**~~

~~7-302.~~

~~(e) (2) (i) A citation issued as the result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a work zone speed control system or a stop sign monitoring system controlled by a political subdivision, a school bus monitoring camera, a bus lane monitoring system, or a noise abatement monitoring system shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision.~~

~~(ii) A citation issued as the result of a traffic control signal monitoring system or a work zone speed control system controlled by a State agency, or as a result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a stop sign monitoring system, a school bus monitoring camera, a bus lane monitoring system, or a noise abatement monitoring system in a case contested in District Court, shall provide that the penalty shall be paid directly to [the]:~~

~~**1. BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR CITATIONS ISSUED FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; OR**~~

~~**2. THE District Court FOR CITATIONS ISSUED FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS IN ALL OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**~~

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

~~monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems, a political subdivision:~~

~~1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems; and~~

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

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

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

~~(vii) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS A RESULT OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND CONTESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-202.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, § 21-1134, OR § 22-612 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, 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 ASSIST IN COVERING THE COST TO CONSTRUCT MEDIAN DIVIDERS ON HIGHWAYS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WHERE:~~

~~1. A SCHOOL BUS STOP IS LOCATED; AND~~

~~2. AT LEAST 400 CITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO DRIVERS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE BUS STOP.~~

Article – Education

7-801.1.

(a) This section applies only [in]:

(1) IN Montgomery County; AND

(2) TO A SCHOOL BUS STOP AT A LOCATION FOR WHICH AT LEAST 400 CITATIONS ~~HAVE BEEN ISSUED~~ WERE ISSUED IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TO DRIVERS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE BUS STOP.

(b) Beginning on December 31, [2026] 2028, a school bus stop may not be located on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes unless:

(1) A school crossing guard is posted at the school bus stop to assist students in crossing the highway; or

(2) A traffic control device that maintains a red signal while a student is boarding or exiting a school bus is placed at the school bus stop.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.