

SENATE BILL 249

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By: **Senator Kramer**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Driver Education Program – Cannabis**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include in the
4 curriculum for a standardized driver education program information on the laws
5 relating to and the risks of driving while under the influence of cannabis; and
6 generally relating to the driver education program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 16–505
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 16–505.

16 (a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of
17 Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement
18 a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools under its
19 jurisdiction.

20 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
21 Administration and shall include:

22 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom,
23 laboratory, and on–road instruction phases;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver
2 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the
3 Administration, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours
4 of highway driving instruction;

5 (3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;

6 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;

7 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
8 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

9 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.

10 **(C) THE CURRICULUM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**
11 **SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE LAWS RELATING TO AND THE RISKS OF**
12 **DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2023.