

HOUSE BILL 761

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ assist in covering the
7 costs of roadway and pedestrian safety improvements at certain locations in
8 Montgomery County; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue generated
9 by school bus monitoring cameras in Montgomery County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 7–302(e)(4)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 21–706.1(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1 7-302.

2 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the
3 fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed
4 monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems, a
5 political subdivision:
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7 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
8 the speed monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring
9 systems; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 2. Reporting its findings and recommendations on any
29 solutions to these safety issues; and

30 3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.

31 (iv) 1. From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of
32 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83, any balance remaining
33 after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to
34 the Comptroller for distribution to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to be

1 used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in
2 Baltimore City.

3 2. Fines remitted to the Baltimore City Department of
4 Transportation under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph are supplemental to and
5 are not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses
6 described under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

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

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

23 **(VII) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
24 **AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS ON**
25 **STATE HIGHWAYS, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES**
26 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE**
27 **COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO**
28 **BE USED ONLY TO ~~ENHANCE~~ ASSIST IN COVERING THE COSTS OF ROADWAY AND**
29 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
30 **~~WHERE THE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED~~ ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS WHERE STUDENTS:**

31 **1. BOARD OR EXIT A SCHOOL BUS; OR**

32 **2. NOT INCLUDING EXPRESSWAYS, TRAVEL TO OR FROM**
33 **A DESTINATION AT WHICH THEY BOARD OR EXIT A SCHOOL BUS.**

34 **Article – Transportation**

35 21–706.1.

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

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

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.