

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 23-017

Introduced by: Council President Vincenti and Council Member Giangiordano

Legislative Day No. 23-014 Date May 2, 2023

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 244-28, School bus safety cameras authorized, of Article VII, School Bus Cameras, of Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that the civil penalty for a violation shall be set by the Chief Judge of the District Court; to clarify the permissible uses for fines collected; and generally related to school bus cameras.

By the Council, May 2, 2023

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled:

on: June 6, 2023

at: 6:00 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_, and concluded on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 244-  
2 28, School bus safety cameras authorized, of Article VII, School Bus Cameras, of Chapter 244,  
3 Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; be, and it is hereby, repealed and  
4 reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

5 **Chapter 244. Vehicles and Traffic**

6 **Article VII. School Bus Cameras.**

7 **§ 244-28. School bus safety cameras authorized.**

8 A. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

9 BOARD - The Harford County Board of Education.

10 SCHOOL BUS - A bus operated by or under contract with the Board to transport students.

11 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA - A camera placed on a school bus that is designed to capture a  
12 recorded image of a driver of a motor vehicle committing a violation authorized by Transportation  
13 Article § 21-706.1.

14 SHERIFF - The Sheriff of Harford County.

15 VIOLATION - A violation of Transportation Article § 21-706.

16 B. The Sheriff, after consulting with the Board, may install, operate and maintain school bus safety  
17 cameras on school busses as permitted by Transportation Article § 21-706.1.

18 C. A person who commits a violation recorded by a school bus safety camera is subject to a civil  
19 penalty authorized by Transportation Article § 21-706.1.

20 D. The amount of the civil penalty [is \$125.] SHALL BE SET BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE  
21 DISTRICT COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
22 ARTICLE, § 7-302.

23 E. The County must use any fines collected by the County for a violation recorded by a school bus

1 safety camera:

2 (1) To recover the costs of installing, operating and maintaining school bus safety [cameras;]

3 CAMERAS, AND FOR THE OPERATIONAL AND PERSONNEL EXPENSES FOR THE

4 SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM; AND

5 (2) For public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.

6 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date

7 it becomes law.

8 EFFECTIVE:

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*

*Mylia A. Dixon*

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Council Administrator