

Chapter 124

(House Bill 431)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Use of School Bus Monitoring Cameras

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a recorded image taken by a school bus monitoring camera by expanding the types of license plates that the image may include; altering the defined term “recorded image” by repealing the requirement that an image may show only the rear of a motor vehicle; authorizing certain persons in certain counties to place school bus monitoring cameras on all school buses in the county; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the use of school bus monitoring cameras.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–706.1(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–706.1(a)(4), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–706.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(4) “Recorded image” means images recorded by a school bus monitoring camera:

(i) On:

1. Two or more photographs;
2. Two or more microphotographs;

3. Two or more electronic images;
4. Videotape; or
5. Any other medium; and

(ii) Showing [the rear of] a motor vehicle and, on at least one image or portion of tape, clearly identifying the registration plate number of the motor vehicle.

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

(2) If authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction, a law enforcement agency, in consultation with the county board of education, may place school bus monitoring cameras on [county] school buses **IN THE COUNTY**.

(d) A recorded image by a school bus monitoring camera under this section indicating that the driver of a motor vehicle has committed a violation shall include:

- (1) An image of the motor vehicle;
- (2) An image of **AT LEAST ONE OF** the motor vehicle's [rear license plate] **REGISTRATION PLATES**;
- (3) The time and date of the violation; and
- (4) To the extent possible, the location of the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.