

SENATE BILL 475

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Crossing Guards – Authority to Direct Traffic**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by
4 authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain qualifications to direct
5 vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist
6 nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; and generally relating to
7 the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–107

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

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16 21–107.

17 (a) A school crossing guard who meets the qualifications in subsection (b) of this
18 section may stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school
19 grounds to assist:

20 (1) Pedestrians in the safe crossing of highways at a school crossing; and

21 (2) [School vehicles] **VEHICLES** in entering and leaving school grounds.

22 (b) A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic as described in subsection
23 (a) of this section if the school crossing guard:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Is 18 years of age or older;

2 (2) Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency or a county school
3 board;

4 (3) Has completed training to perform any traffic direction duties to which
5 the guard is assigned as prescribed by the law enforcement agency or county school board
6 that has control over the school crossing guard; and

7 (4) Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the law enforcement
8 agency or county school board that has control over the school crossing guard.

9 (c) A person may not willfully disobey a lawful direction of a school crossing guard
10 exercising the authority granted in this section.

11 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a school crossing guard who does not meet
12 the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section from assisting a pedestrian to
13 cross a highway, providing the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing
14 traffic.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2016.