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A BILL ENTITLED

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 pedestrian safety at
7 certain locations; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue generated by
8 school bus monitoring cameras in Montgomery County.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 7–302.

5 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the
6 fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed
7 monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring systems, a
8 political subdivision:

9 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
10 the speed monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, or bus lane monitoring
11 systems; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.

4 (iv) 1. From the fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of
5 violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83, any balance remaining
6 after the allocation of fines under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be remitted to
7 the Comptroller for distribution to the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to be
8 used solely to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in
9 Baltimore City.

10 2. Fines remitted to the Baltimore City Department of
11 Transportation under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph are supplemental to and
12 are not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses
13 described under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

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

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

30 **(VII) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
31 **AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS ON**

1 **STATE HIGHWAYS, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES**
2 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE**
3 **COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO**
4 **BE USED ONLY TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY**
5 **COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED.**

6 **Article – Transportation**

7 21–706.1.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2024.