

# HOUSE BILL 1341

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Emergency Management Agency, Maryland)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Transportation – School Bus Use in Emergencies**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the use of school buses for transportation to move  
4 individuals during an evacuation or during a government–declared emergency;  
5 and generally relating to school bus use in evacuations and emergencies.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 13–420(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 13–420(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 13–420.

20 (b) If it is only operated for the transportation of children, students, or  
21 teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity or if it is  
22 operated, with approval from a board of education in any county, to provide  
23 transportation for persons 60 years old or older to civic, educational, social, or  
24 recreational activities, **OR IF IT IS OPERATED, WITH APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT NORMALLY OPERATES, TO PROVIDE  
2 TRANSPORTATION OR OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY  
3 DUE TO AN EVACUATION, OR FEDERAL, STATE, OR  
4 COUNTY-DECLARED EMERGENCY, a Type I school vehicle (school bus) shall:

5 (1) Display distinctive "school bus" registration plates issued by the  
6 Administration; and

7 (2) Comply with all the requirements of the Maryland Vehicle Law  
8 and the regulations of the Administration that relate to a Type I school vehicle.

9 (c) (1) If it is operated for any purpose in addition to those specified in  
10 subsection (b) of this section, a Type I school vehicle (school bus) shall display  
11 distinctive "school charter" registration plates issued by the Administration.

12 (2) The Administration shall issue "school charter" plates:

13 (i) In place of and not in addition to "school bus" plates; and

14 (ii) Only to vehicles complying with all the requirements of the  
15 Maryland Vehicle Law and the regulations of the Administration that relate to a Type  
16 I school vehicle.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2011.