

# SENATE BILL 475

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

15 **Article – Transportation**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.