

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 77 - Public Education
Section 90
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation
Section 16.111.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter _____ of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 1977)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee recommended in July 1976 that the cost benefit analysis of the driver education program be evaluated, and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Policy Committee, in an effort to urge legislative review of State programs and the fiscal support of these programs, recommended 13 programs for review by the various Senate and House Committee during the 1977 Session, and

WHEREAS, The House Committee on Ways and Means was asked to review the driver education program for possible sunset legislation, and

WHEREAS, The House Committee on Ways and Means received in excess of 15 hours of public testimony and voluminous correspondence on the driver education program in Maryland, and

WHEREAS, No statistical evidence was presented to support or deny the claims that the driver education program benefited all the citizens of Maryland, was a deterrent to increased highway accidents, or provided safety and economic benefits as a result of drivers completing this program, and

WHEREAS, The costs of the driver education program differed substantially among the public schools and between the public schools and the professional schools, and

WHEREAS, The citizen input into the public hearings demonstrated a high level of support for the continuation of State support for the program, and