

21-706.

(a) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing red [warning] lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its front.

(b) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing red [warning] lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the school vehicle resumes motion or the alternately flashing red [warning] lights are deactivated.

(c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway, if the school vehicle is on a different roadway.

22-228.

(a) (1) (i) The Administrator may adopt regulations for lighting equipment, special warning devices, markings, and identification to be used by school vehicles.

(ii) Regulations adopted under this paragraph shall be consistent with the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(2) (i) A school vehicle REGISTERED IN THE STATE shall be equipped with an ~~8-lamp~~ 8-LIGHT system of alternately flashing ~~signal lamps~~ LIGHTS.

(ii) ~~The equipment requirement of this paragraph applies only to:~~

~~1. Any school vehicle manufactured on or after January, 1986, that is registered in this State; and~~

~~2. Any school vehicle registered in this State on or after July 1, 1996, regardless of its date of manufacture.~~

(iii) (II) The ~~8-lamp~~ 8-LIGHT safety system of alternately flashing ~~warning~~ lights shall meet the standards contained in the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Standard J887 (May 1982), and shall consist of 2 amber ~~lamps~~ LIGHTS and 2 red ~~lamps~~ LIGHTS at the rear of the vehicle, and 2 amber ~~lamps~~ LIGHTS and 2 red ~~lamps~~ LIGHTS at the front of the vehicle.

(3) A school vehicle may be equipped with a white flashing light installed on the roof of the vehicle.

(4) School vehicles shall be marked and identified as provided in, and school vehicle lighting equipment and special warning devices shall conform with, the regulations adopted by the Administrator.