

27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 81.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill 81**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws - School Buses - Pick Up and Discharge of Passengers**

FOR the purpose of requiring a driver of a school vehicle to stop on the roadway to pick up or discharge passengers under certain circumstances; providing an exception pertaining to loading zones; redefining "loading zones"; modifying provisions relating to school vehicles and alternately flashing lights; making stylistic and technical changes; and generally relating to school vehicles and the boarding and discharging of passengers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 16-402(a)(5), 21-706, and 22-228

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Transportation**

16-402.

(a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388, § 388A, or § 388B of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of violation and as follows:

(5) Failing to stop for a school vehicle with ACTIVATED alternately flashing red [warning] lights..... 2 points

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.