

# HOUSE BILL 394

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HB 811/25 – ENT & W&M

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CF SB 158

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Counties – Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Safe Alternative Routes**  
3 **to Public Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post in  
5 a certain manner a report that identifies pathways that public school students may  
6 use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances;  
7 requiring the governing body of a county each year to review a certain report and  
8 construct any sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes  
9 for public school students under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body  
10 of a county to develop a certain plan with a certain governmental entity or person  
11 and make certain efforts to execute the plan under certain circumstances; and  
12 generally relating to safe alternative routes to public schools.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–801(b)(1)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Education

20 Section 7–801(e)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY adding to

24 Article – Local Government

25 Section 12–506.1

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

Article – Education

4 7-801.

5           (b)   (1)   At its own expense, a county governing body may provide  
6 transportation for public school students in addition to the transportation provided by the  
7 State.

**8           (E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE" INCLUDES:**

### (III) A BIKE PATH.

13                           **(2) EACH YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PREPARE A REPORT THAT**  
14 **IDENTIFIES:**

## Article - Local Government

27 12-506.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE" HAS THE MEANING  
STATED IN § 7-801 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

1           **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES.**

2           **(C) EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY SHALL:**

3                   **(1) REVIEW THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 7-801(E)(2) OF THE**

4                   **EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND**

5                   **(2) CONSTRUCT ANY SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS NECESSARY TO**

6                   **CREATE SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR STUDENTS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT.**

7           **(D) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MUST ALTER A ROAD THAT IS**

8                   **NOT SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO MEET THE**

9                   **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL:**

10                   **(1) DEVELOP A PLAN WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR PERSON**

11                   **THAT HAS CONTROL OF THE ROAD; AND**

12                   **(2) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO EXECUTE THE PLAN IN AN**

13                   **EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.**

14                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

15                 1, 2026.