

ORDINANCE NO. 1081

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SCHOOL BUS
MONITORING CAMERAS IN SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND**

The 2011 Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 679 (Chapter 273, Acts 2011) authorizing the use of school bus monitoring cameras, effective October 1, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

The Act authorizes a law enforcement agency, in consultation with the County Board of Education, to place monitoring cameras on county school buses.

The purpose of school bus monitoring cameras is to record a motor vehicle committing a violation related to overtaking and passing a school vehicle.

The Act may only be used if authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction.

Specifically, the Act states:

(C)(1) A school bus monitoring camera may not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

2011 Laws of Maryland, Chapter 273; Maryland Annotated Code, Transportation Article, Sec. 21-706.1 (c)(1).

The Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County, Maryland (the "Board") is the governing body of Somerset County and desires to authorize the use of a school bus monitoring camera to the full extent provided in the Maryland Annotated Code, Transportation Article, Sec. 21-706.1(c)(1).

The Board held a duly advertised public hearing on this proposed Ordinance on July 15, 2014. The public had an opportunity to comment at this hearing.

Notice of the public hearing was published in the Somerset Herald and the Crisfield County Times; both being newspapers in general circulation in Somerset County, on July 2, 2014 and July 9, 2014. Notice of this public hearing was also posted on the County's website.

The Board specifically finds that this notice constitutes "reasonable notice" for purposes of Maryland Annotated Code, Transportation Article, Sec. 21-706.1(c)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND AS FOLLOWS:

- A. The Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County, Maryland, as the governing body of Somerset County, authorizes the use of school bus monitoring cameras.
- B. The purpose of this section is to authorize all uses to the full extent provided in Maryland Annotated Code, Transportation Article, Sec. 10-706(c)(1).
- C. The terms used in this section have the same meaning as the corresponding terms used or defined in Maryland Annotated Code, Transportation Article, Sec. 21-706.1

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect on 7/29/14.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Ordinance was approved and adopted on the 29th day of July, 2014.

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ATTEST:

Ralph D. Taylor
County Administrator-Clerk

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