

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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Committee: TIEE

Date: 10/10/2024

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Olson, Burroughs, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on October 10, 2024, to discuss CB-84-2024, which would authorize and implement the use of stop sign monitoring systems on State and local roads in school zones located in Prince George's County to record violations of State law requiring obedience to stop signs pursuant to Md. Code Transportation Article 21-7072. CB-84 would implement authority provided by the enactment of state law (HB-364-2024) which authorized the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law.

State law specifically requires the County to prioritize the placement of stop sign monitoring systems within municipalities with high violation rates and requires the County Council to approve specific locations where the systems are used. The County is also required to place signage providing notice that the systems are in use. The State Highway Administration (SHA) must authorize and place signage for systems to be used on state roads. The state law also requires the County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the results and efficiency of the program on or before December 1, 2025. CB-84 codifies the appropriate provisions of the state law.

The administration requested an amendment to designate the County Police Department as the agency to meet the state's reporting requirement. The committee accepted this amendment. Discussion occurred regarding the dedication of the revenue from fine collections. Staff was directed to research the Council's authority to earmark funds generated by photo enforcement. Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that state law indicates that the funds may be used to recover the costs of implementing and administering the stop sign monitoring program and any remaining balance may be used solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-84-2024 as amended by a vote of 3-0.