



## School Bus Safety Enforcement (SBSE)

### Program Information:

The School Bus Safety Enforcement program provides up to \$35,000 per county, including Baltimore City, to address the problems of drivers illegally passing school bus vehicles while loading and unloading students.

During the 2000 Legislative Session, House Bill 104, Vehicle Laws – Drivers Failing to Stop for School Buses – Enforcement Initiative, was passed by the Maryland General Assembly. This bill established a program, which became effective on January 1, 2001, to provide grant funds to assist law enforcement agencies in addressing the problem of drivers illegally passing stopped school vehicles.

Each year, contingent upon inclusion in the State budget by the Maryland General Assembly, the School Bus Safety Enforcement (SBSE) Fund provides \$550,000, in state grant funds. GOCCP awards grants to selected law enforcement agencies that submit creative plans and objectives for targeting drivers who fail to stop for school bus vehicles in identified problem areas. To enhance the use of these available funds, inter-agency cooperation and community partnerships within counties are encouraged.

### Eligibility:

- Local law enforcement agencies \*
- Maryland State Police barracks

*\*A qualifying municipality is any incorporated city or town. Municipal governments must apply for the grant funds going to the municipal's police department for the School Bus Safety Enforcement effort.*

Match: Not Required

### Supported Programs:

- Overtime
- Proactive Safety Measures including: Public Service Announcements
- Increasing Law Enforcement Presence on School Campuses

### **Important Dates for SBSE Grants**

<b>January</b>	NOFA posting	<b>April</b>	Hard copy applications due
<b>April</b>	Electronic applications due	<b>August 1</b>	Program start date

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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