

Office of the County Auditor

Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 51-2025

Introduced: June 2, 2025

Auditor: Maya Cameron

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of removing the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems in designated school zones includes monitoring costs of \$7,880 per month per Poliscan Unit. Currently, the total monthly cost of monitoring seven units is \$55,160. The cost for installation and moving of a Poliscan pad is included in the contract and is done as requested at no additional costs to the County.

The County receives the revenue from the fines collected resulting from Poliscan speed limit enforcement efforts. Per the Administration, there are currently 172 possible enforcement sites.

Purpose:

This legislation proposes to amend the Howard County Code to remove the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems permitted within a designated school zone.

Other Comments:

Attachment A is a chart provided by the Administration showing the number of violations and fines collected by fiscal year since the program's inception in 2011.

The Administration identified the top five locations for citation issuance since the program began as follows:

- EB Rogers Avenue at Patapsco Valley Drive – 43,742 issued
- EB Tamar Drive at Autumn Ridge – 28,789 issued
- SB Centennial Lane at Centennial Woods Lane – 21,747 issued
- WB Whiskey Bottom Road at Phillips School – 16,017 issued
- WB Triadelphia Road at Folly Quarter Middle School – 11,699 issued

Attachment A

FY	Issued	Paid
FY 12	15,614	15,136
FY 13	18,135	17,370
FY 14	25,818	24,560
FY 15	23,086	21,147
FY 16	29,976	25,722
FY 17	29,323	26,313
FY 18	30,762	29,070
FY 19	27,023	25,478
FY 20	28,660	26,537
FY 21	34,378	31,985
FY 22	31,224	28,704
FY 23	28,103	25,721
FY 24	32,531	28,779
FY 25	37,102	28,827

