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**Title:** Transit and Traffic - Impeding Traffic by School Grounds  
FOR the purpose of increasing the fine, without requiring a prior warning, for vehicles that park, stop, or stand in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of traffic by school grounds during certain hours; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related language; and generally relating to the imposition of fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

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3/30/2015	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
3/23/2015	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Reader, for Final Passage	
3/23/2015	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
3/10/2015	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	Pass
2/12/2015	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
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2/9/2015	0	City Council	Assigned	
2/9/2015	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
2/9/2015	0	City Council	Introduced	

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft and Spector

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**Transit and Traffic - Impeding Traffic by School Grounds**

FOR the purpose of increasing the fine, without requiring a prior warning, for vehicles that park, stop, or stand in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of traffic by school grounds during certain hours; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related language; and generally relating to the imposition of fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

BY adding

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section(s) 36-4(3)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section(s) 36-5(3)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

§ 364. \$250 fines.

(3) PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING IN A MANNER THAT OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES THE FREE FLOW OF VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GROUNDS OF A BUILDING USED AS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, ON ANY SCHOOL DAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 9 A.M. OR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2 P.M. AND 4 P.M., IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$250.

§ 365. \$100 fines.

(3) (i) Parking, stopping, or standing in [such] a manner [as to obstruct or impede] THAT OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic is punishable by a fine of \$100, subject to the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (3).

(ii) (A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (ii), the Transportation Department may not issue a citation for this offense unless:

1. [(1)] it first issues a written warning, ordering the obstruction or impediment to be removed within 15 minutes of the warning; and
2. [(2)] the [impediment or] obstruction OR IMPEDIMENT is not removed within the specified time.

(B) This subparagraph (ii) does not apply, and a citation may be issued without a prior warning, on a street marked as a snow emergency route, at any time between the hours of 7 a.m and 9:30 a.m. or BETWEEN the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

(iii) This paragraph (3) does not apply to an obstruction or impediment:

(A) within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or by a commercial vehicle, as provided in § 36-4(2) of this subtitle; OR

(B) ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR ACROSS FROM THE GROUNDS OF A SCHOOL, AS PROVIDED IN § 36-4(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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