

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 11-20 – Public Safety – Speed Monitoring Systems

State law, Section 21-809 of the Transportation Article, governs the use of speed monitoring systems, sometimes referred to as speed cameras.

State law prohibits a local jurisdiction from using speed monitoring systems unless the governing body authorizes their use through the adoption of a local law. State law also requires that the local law provide that if a speed monitoring system is placed at a location where a system had not previously been, a citation may not issue for a violation recorded by the system until at least 15 days after the required signage is installed.

Bill No. 11-20 implements State law by authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in Anne Arundel County. The bill includes the required prohibition against issuing citations before required signage is installed.