

**DRAFTER'S NOTE:**

Subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section is amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994 and to delete surplus language.

10-1001.

For the purpose of establishing that physical evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding constitutes a particular controlled dangerous substance defined under Article 27 of this Code, a report signed by the chemist or analyst who performed the test or tests as to its nature is prima facie evidence that the material delivered to [him] THE CHEMIST OR ANALYST was properly tested under procedures approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, that those procedures are legally reliable, that the material was delivered to [him] THE CHEMIST OR ANALYST by the officer or person stated in the report, and that the material was or contained the substance therein stated, without the necessity of the chemist or analyst personally appearing in court, provided the report identifies the chemist or analyst as an individual certified by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the DEPARTMENT OF [Maryland] State Police [Department], the Baltimore City Police Department, or any county police department employing analysts of controlled dangerous substances, as qualified under standards approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to analyze those substances, states that [he] THE CHEMIST OR ANALYST made an analysis of the material under procedures approved by that department, and also states that the substance, in [his] THE opinion OF THE CHEMIST OR ANALYST, is or contains the particular controlled dangerous substance specified. Nothing in this section precludes the right of any party to introduce any evidence supporting or contradicting the evidence contained in or the presumptions raised by the report.

**DRAFTER'S NOTE:**

This section is amended to reflect the establishment of the Department of State Police as a principal department of State government by Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994, to make stylistic changes, and to delete surplus language.

**Article - Education**

7-605.

(b) Notwithstanding the 12-year limitation in subsection (a) of this section, a conventional school bus may be operated for additional years if:

(1) The bus is maintained under a preventive maintenance plan approved by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the DEPARTMENT OF [Maryland] State Police that includes an inspection at the end of the 12th year and a minimum of 2 inspections by the Motor Vehicle Administration each year thereafter;