

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1050 (Delegate Getty)  
Ways and Means

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

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**Education - Required Number of School Days**

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This amended emergency bill provides that when schools are closed during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, those days shall be credited against the 180 school day requirement. Under current law, schools must be open for 180 days and 1,080 school hours during a 10-month period. Under certain conditions, schools only have to be open for 1,080 school hours.

In addition, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is required to conduct a study of required school days and holidays. The study's findings are due to the General Assembly by January 1, 1997.

This bill sunsets on June 30, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. MSDE can conduct the study with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Local expenditures and revenues could decrease by a minimal amount.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** A state of emergency, imposed by the Governor, went into effect at midnight on January 7th (Sunday) and was lifted at 9:00 a.m. on January 16th (Tuesday). However, due to the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, many public schools would have been closed on January 15th absent the state of emergency. Accordingly, this bill would exempt at least five days from the 1995-96 public school calendar. Local government expenditures for school maintenance and pupil transportation could decrease. Food service revenues could also decrease. Any such decreases cannot be reliably projected at this time,

but are assumed to be minimal in relation to a school system's overall budget.

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**Information Source(s):** Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Fiscal Services, Executive Department (Governor's Office)

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