

HOUSE BILL 996

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By: **Delegates Beidle, Carey, Chang, McMillan, and Pena–Melnyk**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Holidays – Easter Monday**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Monday after Easter be a public
4 school holiday; authorizing a county board of education to designate the Monday
5 after Easter as a public school holiday; making certain stylistic changes; and
6 generally relating to public school holidays.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 7–103(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 7–103.

16 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

17 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

18 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;

19 (iii) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

20 (iv) Presidents' Day;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (v) The Friday before Easter [and from then through the Monday
2 after Easter];

3 (vi) Memorial Day; and

4 (vii) Primary and general election days.

5 (2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different days[,
6 the board of education of] each county **BOARD** shall determine which date shall be the date
7 of observance for the public schools within the county.

8 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises
9 for the following days:

10 (i) Washington's Birthday;

11 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

12 (iii) Veterans' Day;

13 (iv) Columbus Day;

14 (v) Arbor Day; and

15 (vi) Any other day of national significance.

16 (4) Notwithstanding any other [provisions] **PROVISION** of this article, the
17 public schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and
18 general election days:

19 (i) Calvert;

20 (ii) Caroline;

21 (iii) Dorchester;

22 (iv) Kent;

23 (v) Talbot; and

24 (vi) Worcester.

25 **(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A**
26 **COUNTY BOARD MAY DESIGNATE THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL**
27 **HOLIDAY.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2016.