

HOUSE BILL 679

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – School Year – Completion Date**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a public school to complete the school year on or before a
4 certain day each year; and generally relating to the completion date for the school
5 year for public schools.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–103(a)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Education

13 Section 7–103(b)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–103.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (e), and (f) of this section, each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:

(1) (i) Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours during a 10–month period in each school year; or

(ii) If normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions described in subsection (b) of this section, shall be open for at least 1,080 hours during a 10–month period;

(2) Shall be open for pupil attendance a minimum of 3 hours during each school day; [and]

(3) May not be open on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays in order to meet the 180–day or 1,080–hour requirement of this subsection; AND

(4) SHALL COMPLETE THE SCHOOL YEAR ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD FRIDAY IN JUNE EACH YEAR.

(b) (1) If a county board submits a written application to the State Board that describes a demonstrated effort by the county board to comply with subsection (a) of this section, the State Board may permit:

(i) Adjustments in the length of the school year;

(ii) Exceptions from the requirement that the school year be completed within a 10–month period;

(iii) Adjustments in the length of the school day; and

(iv) Schools to be open on holidays.

(2) These adjustments may be granted only if normal school attendance is prevented because of:

(i) Natural disaster;

1 (ii) Civil disaster; or

2 (iii) Severe weather conditions.

3 (3) Education funding from State or local sources may not be reduced if
4 there are less than 180 school days in any year because of an approved application under
5 this subsection.

6 (4) In case of emergency, the State Board may open schools on holidays.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.