

SENATE BILL 729

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EMERGENCY BILL
ENROLLED BILL

(8lr2629)

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senators King, Benson, DeGrange, Feldman, Ferguson, Guzzone, and Zucker**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Length of School Year – Adjustments**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to extend the length of the
4 school year for up to 5 *school* days ~~and beyond a certain date~~ without approval from
5 the State Board of Education; requiring a county board to submit a written
6 application to the State Board for permission to increase the length of the school year
7 for more than a certain number of school days in accordance with a certain provision
8 of law or to decrease the length of the school year; *making this Act an emergency*
9 *measure*; and generally relating to adjustments to the length of the school year and
10 county boards of education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Education

13 Section 7–103(a)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Education
5 Section 7–103(b)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Education**

11 7–103.

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

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

17 (ii) If normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions
18 described in subsection (b) of this section, shall be open for at least 1,080 hours during a
19 10–month period;

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

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

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

27 (i) **[Adjustments] THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS:**

28 **1. AN INCREASE in the length of the school year FOR MORE**
29 **SCHOOL DAYS THAN THE NUMBER OF DAYS EXTENDED BY A COUNTY BOARD UNDER**
30 **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR**

31 **2. A DECREASE IN THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR;**

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

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

4 (iv) Schools to be open on holidays.

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

7 (i) Natural disaster;

8 (ii) Civil disaster; or

9 (iii) Severe weather conditions.

10 (3) A COUNTY BOARD MAY EXTEND THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL
11 YEAR FOR UP TO 5 SCHOOL DAYS ~~AND BEYOND JUNE 15~~ WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM
12 THE STATE BOARD.

13 [(3)] (4) Education funding from State or local sources may not be
14 reduced if there are less than 180 school days in any year because of an approved
15 application under PARAGRAPH (1)(I)2 OF this subsection.

16 [(4)] (5) In case of emergency, the State Board may open schools on
17 holidays.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect July~~
19 ~~1, 2018~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
20 health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
21 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect
22 from the date it is enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.