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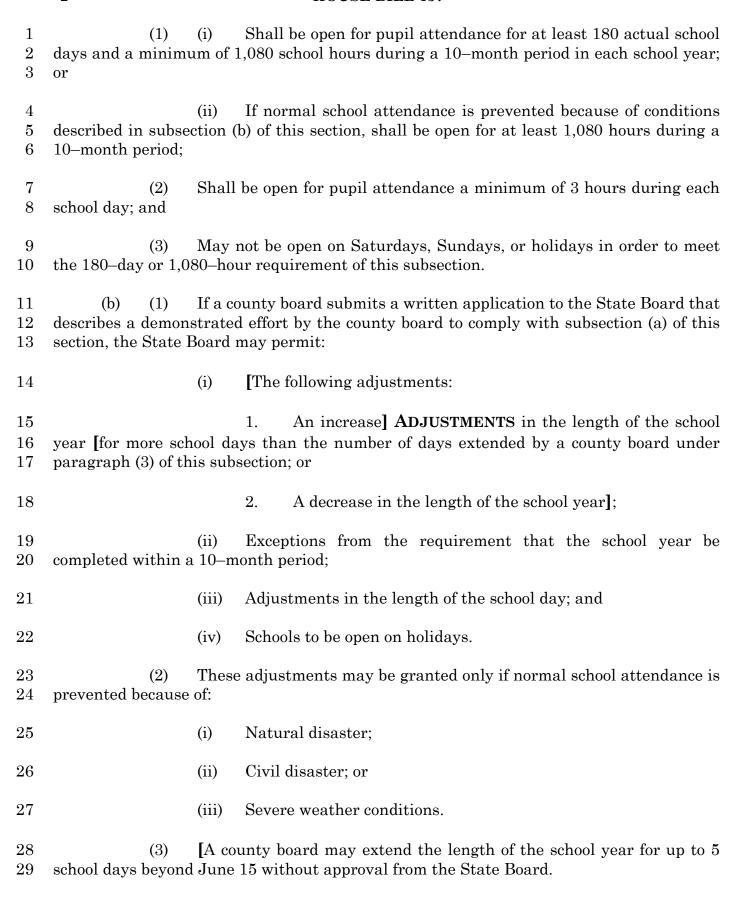
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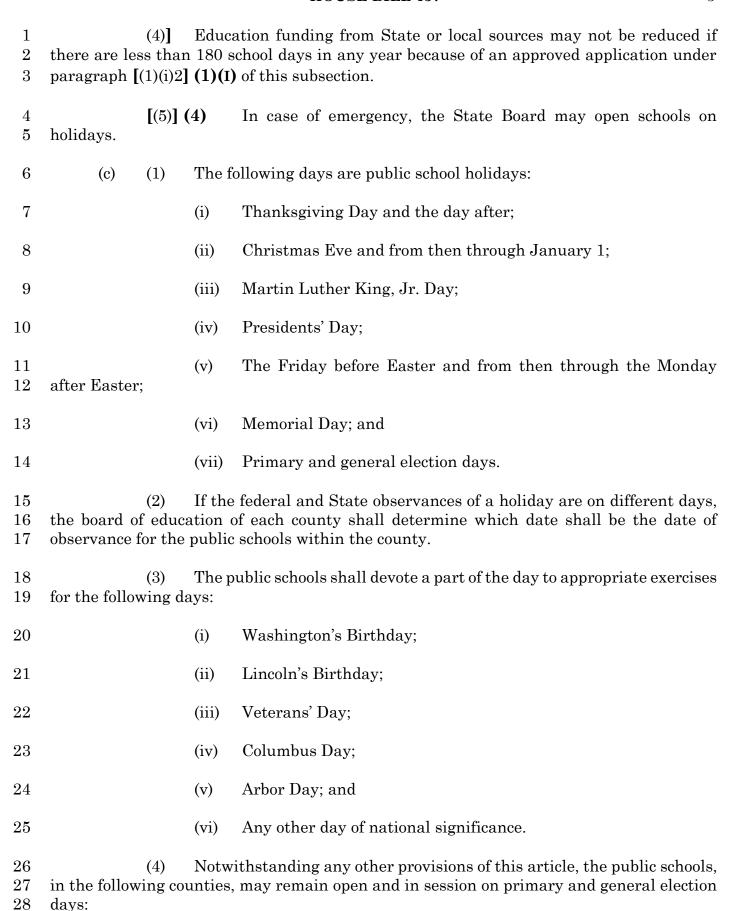
County Boards of Education – School Year – Start and End Dates

- FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that authorized a county board of education 4 to extend the length of the school year for a certain number of days without approval from the State Board of Education; requiring each county board to set the start date 5 and end date of the school year for the public schools in the county each year; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the start date and end date of the school year and county boards of education.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article Education 10
- Section 7-103 11
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 14
- That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 15

16 Article - Education

- 17 7-103.
- Except as provided in subsections (b), [(e)] (F), and [(f)] (G) of this section, 18
- 19 each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:





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1		(i)	Calvert;
2		(ii)	Caroline;
3		(iii)	Dorchester;
4		(iv)	Kent;
5		(v)	Talbot; and
6		(vi)	Worcester.
7 8	(d) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (F) of this section, the State Board shall divide the school year into the terms it considers appropriate.		
9 10 11 12	(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SET THE START DATE AND END DATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY EACH YEAR.		
13 14 15 16	[(e)] (F) (1) The county boards of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Howard Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, may elect to operate one or more schools within the county or Baltimore City on a year—round basis, provided that the 180—day and the minimum hour requirements under this section are met.		
18 19	(2) year–round pilot s		ing in this section precludes a county board from conducting a program that is funded by the county board.
20 21	[(f)] (G) requirements of su		cly funded prekindergarten programs are not subject to the on (a) of this section.

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