

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 624 (Delegate Redmer, et al.)  
Ways and Means

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**Education - Required School Days and Hours - Exception**

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This emergency bill enables local boards of education to reduce the minimum number of days and hours that schools are open. The bill applies to the 1995-96 school year only. 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.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. State aid to local boards of education would not be affected by reducing the number of school days or school hours.

**Local Effect:** Assuming public schools remain open less than 180 days or 1,080 hours, local expenditures and revenues could decrease by a minimal amount.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Local government expenditures for school maintenance and pupil transportation and local food service revenues could decrease to the extent that schools remain in session for less than 180 days. Any such decrease cannot be reliably projected at this time, but is assumed to be minimal in relation to a school system's overall budget.

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