

HOUSE BILL 1167

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1999 Regular Session  
(9lr2413)

**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Ways and Means/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Howard, Burns, Marriott, Griffith, V. Jones, Doory, Cane, Conway, Grosfeld, Kopp, McIntosh, Goldwater, Frush, Brown, Menes, Hubbard, R. Baker, D. Davis, Dypski, Paige, Giannetti, Phillips, Oaks, Patterson, Healey, Dobson, Proctor, Montague, Branch, Swain, Benson, Kirk, Hixson, Harrison, A. Jones, Hill, Valderrama, Vallario, Moe, and Rosenberg Rosenberg, Getty, Kagan, Bobo, Bronrott, Cryor, Franchot, Glassman, Heller, Pitkin, Rosso, Shriver, and Turner**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Holidays - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~~and Presidents' Day~~**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~~and Presidents' Day~~ as  
4 a public school holiday ~~holiday~~ holiday; repealing a provision of law requiring  
5 a public school to devote part of the day to appropriate activities on Martin  
6 Luther King, Jr. Day; and generally relating to public school holidays in the  
7 State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-103(c)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

3 Preamble

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored by a federal holiday for his  
5 civil rights accomplishments; and

6 WHEREAS, His legacy of love and nonviolence has become a tool of social and  
7 human rights change; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. King is an African American icon and a national and  
9 international hero; and

10 WHEREAS, He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent approach  
11 to the violent actions of white Americans in both the North and South; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. King's legacy of love and nonviolence is the solution to many of  
13 the problems that our nation faces in all areas of social interchange, including  
14 education; and

15 WHEREAS, Our nation has seen the wisdom of his anti-Vietnam War efforts;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. King gave his life in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968 in  
18 pursuit of justice for refuse workers; and

19 WHEREAS, The entire world lamented Dr. King's untimely death; now,  
20 therefore,

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

23 **Article - Education**

24 7-103.

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

26 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

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

28 (iii) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY;

29 ~~(IV) PRESIDENTS' DAY;~~

30 ~~(IV)~~ ~~(V)~~ The Friday before Easter and from then through the  
31 Monday after Easter;

- 1                    [(iv)]    ~~(V)~~    ~~(VIV)~~    (V)        Memorial Day; and  
2                    [(v)]     ~~(VI)~~    ~~(VII)~~    (VI)        Primary and general election days.

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

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

- 8                    (i)        Washington's Birthday;  
9                    (ii)       Lincoln's Birthday;  
10                   (iii)       Veterans' Day;  
11                   (iv)       Columbus Day;  
12                   (v)        [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;  
13                   (vi)]       Arbor Day; and  
14                   [(vii)]    (VI)       Any other day of national significance.

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

- 18                   (i)        Calvert;  
19                   (ii)       Caroline;  
20                   (iii)       Dorchester;  
21                   (iv)       Kent;  
22                   (v)        Talbot; and  
23                   (vi)       Worcester.

24        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 1999.

