

SENATE BILL 736

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1999 Regular Session  
(9lr2489)

**ENROLLED BILL**

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

Introduced by **Senators Mitchell, Hughes, McFadden, and Exum**

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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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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public School Holidays**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a public school  
4 holiday; repealing the requirement that public schools devote part of the day to  
5 appropriate activities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; ~~repealing the authority of~~  
6 ~~public schools in certain counties to remain open on primary and general~~  
7 ~~election days~~; and generally relating to public school holidays in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-103(c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Education**

2 7-103.

- 3 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:
- 4 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;
- 5 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;
- 6 (iii) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY;
- 7 (IV) The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday
- 8 after Easter;
- 9 [(iv)] (V) Memorial Day; and
- 10 [(v)] (VI) Primary and general election days.

11 (2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different

12 days, the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the

13 date of observance for the public schools within the county.

14 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate

15 exercises for the following days:

- 16 (i) Washington's Birthday;
- 17 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;
- 18 (iii) Veterans' Day;
- 19 (iv) Columbus Day;
- 20 (v) [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- 21 (vi)] Arbor Day; and
- 22 [(vii)] (VI) Any other day of national significance.

23 {(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public

24 schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and

25 general election days:

- 26 (i) Calvert;
- 27 (ii) Caroline;
- 28 (iii) Dorchester;
- 29 (iv) Kent;

1 (v) Talbot; and

2 (vi) Worcester.}

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