

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 379 (Delegate Ports. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

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Education - Public School Holidays - Presidents' Day

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This bill establishes Presidents' Day as a public school holiday. The bill also repeals the requirement that public schools devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises on Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Adding an additional holiday to the public school calendar would not alter the number of days that schools are required to remain in session.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The State has designated several days as public school holidays. They include the following:

- Thanksgiving Day and the day after;
- Christmas Eve through January 1;
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- Good Friday and Easter Monday
- Memorial Day; and
- Primary and general election days.

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Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** This bill was introduced in the 1999 session as HB 1219. The bill received a favorable report by the House Ways and Means Committee and was approved by the full House. The bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee, where no action was taken.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Association of Boards of Education

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