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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Reconstituted Schools - Year-Round Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring schools that have been reconstituted by the State to
4 operate on a year-round schedule; requiring that each student in a
5 reconstituted school receive a minimum of a certain number of days or hours of
6 instruction each school year; requiring the school year to extend for a certain
7 number of months; prohibiting a vacation period to extend for longer than a
8 certain number of days; authorizing a county board of education to provide for
9 staggered terms under certain circumstances; requiring that a year-round
10 school receive the same amount of funding it would have received if it operated
11 on a certain other schedule; authorizing the modification of staff contracts to
12 adjust for the extended school schedule; requiring the State Board of Education
13 to adopt certain regulations; providing for the termination of this Act; and
14 generally relating to reconstituted schools and year-round school schedules.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Education
17 Section 7-103(f)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 7-103.

24 (F) (1) (I) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL OPERATE A SCHOOL WHICH HAS
25 BEEN RECONSTITUTED BY THE STATE ON A YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE.

26 (II) EACH STUDENT IN A RECONSTITUTED SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE
27 AT LEAST 220 DAYS OR 1,320 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

1 (III) THE SCHOOL YEAR SHALL EXTEND FOR 12 MONTHS,
2 BEGINNING ON JULY 1 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR
3 YEAR.

4 (IV) A VACATION PERIOD MAY NOT EXTEND LONGER THAN 14
5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

6 (2) A COUNTY BOARD MAY STAGGER THE TERMS FOR GROUPS OF
7 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A RECONSTITUTED SCHOOL UPON AUTHORIZATION FROM
8 THE STATE BOARD.

9 (3) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING AT LEAST EQUAL TO
10 THE FUNDING IT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED IF IT OPERATED ON A 10-MONTH
11 SCHEDULE.

12 (4) A COUNTY BOARD MAY MODIFY STAFF CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEES
13 ASSIGNED TO A RECONSTITUTED SCHOOL TO ADJUST FOR A YEAR-ROUND
14 SCHEDULE.

15 (5) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
16 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June
19 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
20 abrogated and of no further force and effect.