

HOUSE BILL 587

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HB 626/16 – W&M

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By: **Delegates Wilson, Holmes, Jackson, and Valentino-Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Holidays – Veterans’ Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring Veterans’ Day to be a public school holiday; and generally
4 relating to Veterans’ Day as a public school holiday.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Education
7 Section 7–103(c)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Education**

13 7–103.

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

15 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

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

17 (iii) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

18 (iv) Presidents’ Day;

19 (v) The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday
20 after Easter;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (vi) Memorial Day; [and]

2 **(VII) VETERANS' DAY; AND**

3 **[(vii)] (VIII) Primary and general election days.**

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

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

9 (i) Washington's Birthday;

10 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

11 (iii) [Veterans' Day;

12 (iv)] Columbus Day;

13 [(v)] (IV) Arbor Day; and

14 [(vi)] (V) Any other day of national significance.

15 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public schools,
16 in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general election
17 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 July
25 1, 2019.