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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Senator King

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

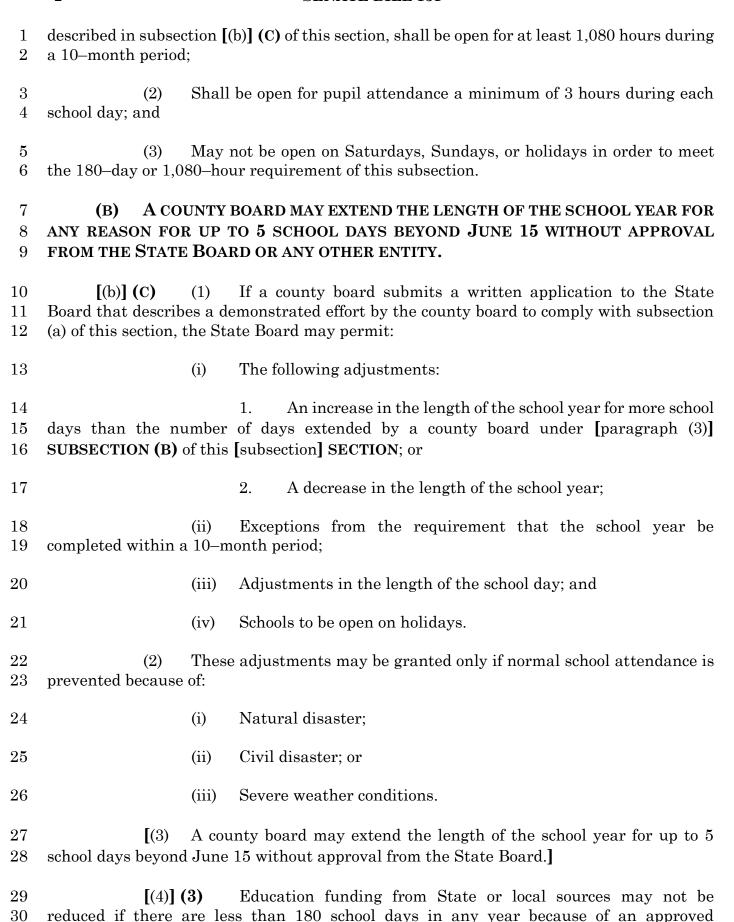
County Boards of Education - Length of School Year - Adjustments

- FOR the purpose of clarifying that the authorization for a county board of education to extend the length of the school year for up to a certain number of school days beyond a certain date without approval from the State Board of Education or any other entity is not subject to additional conditions; making conforming changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to adjustments to the length of the school year.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Education
- 11 Section 7–103
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 Article – Education

- 17 7–103.
- 18 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), [(e)] (C), (F), and [(f)] (G) of this section, 19 each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:
- 20 (1) (i) Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school 21 days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours during a 10-month period in each school year; 22 or
- 23 (ii) If normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions





1	application under paragraph (1)(i)2 of this subsection.				
2 3	[(5)] (4) holidays.		In case of emergency, the State Board may open schools on		
4	[(c)] (D)	(1)	The following days are public school holidays:		
5		(i)	Thanksgiving Day and the day after;		
6		(ii)	Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;		
7		(iii)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;		
8		(iv)	Presidents' Day;		
9 10	after Easter;	(v)	The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday		
11		(vi)	Memorial Day; and		
12		(vii)	Primary and general election days.		
13 14 15	the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the date of				
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18		(i)	Washington's Birthday;		
19		(ii)	Lincoln's Birthday;		
20		(iii)	Veterans' Day;		
21		(iv)	Columbus Day;		
22		(v)	Arbor Day; and		
23		(vi)	Any other day of national significance.		
24 25 26	in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general election				
27		(i)	Calvert;		

1	(ii)	Caroline;
2	(iii)	Dorchester;
3	(iv)	Kent;
4	(v)	Talbot; and
5	(vi)	Worcester.

- 6 **[(d)] (E)** Except as provided in subsection **[(e)] (F)** of this section, the State 7 Board shall divide the school year into the terms it considers appropriate.
- [(e)] (F) (1) The county boards of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, may elect to operate one or more schools within the county or Baltimore City on a year–round basis, provided that the 180–day and the minimum hour requirements under this section are met.
- 13 (2) Nothing in this section precludes a county board from conducting a 14 year—round pilot study or program that is funded by the county board.
- 15 **[**(f)**]** (G) Publicly funded prekindergarten programs are not subject to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.