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By: Howard County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Howard County - Board of Education - Mandatory School Holidays
3	Ho. Co. 10–25
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to close public schools in the county to observe certain holidays; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education and mandatory school holidays.
7 8 9 10	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Education Section 7–103(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
12 13 14 15	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 7–103(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
9	Article - Education
20	7–103.
21 22	(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (e), and (f) of this section, each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:

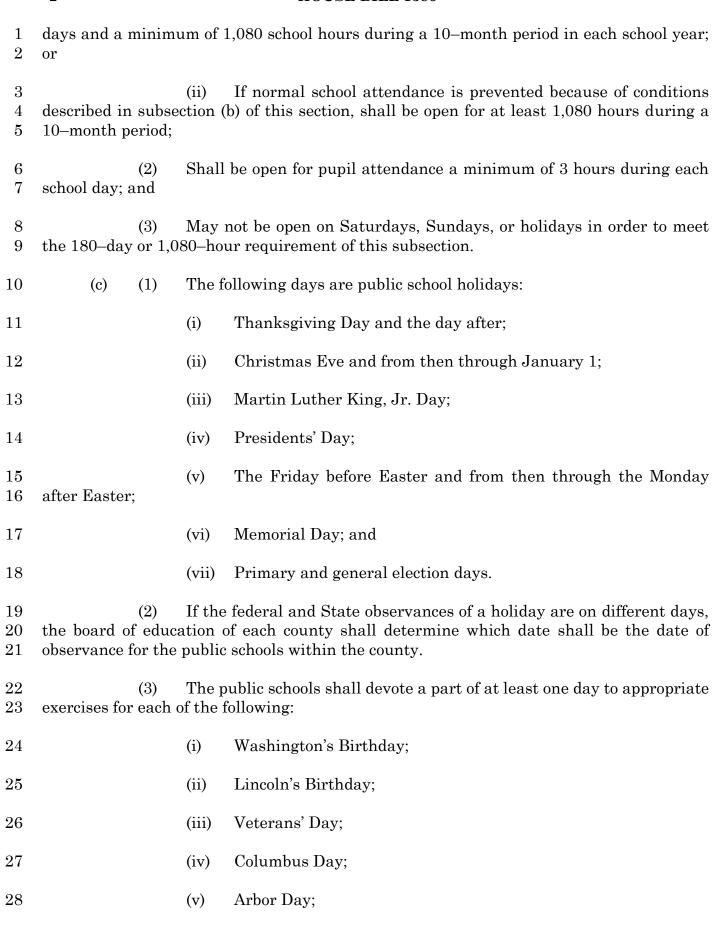
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Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school



1 2	`	•	Black History Month, with an emphasis on Harriet Tubman and ne contributions they made in the fight against slavery; and
3	(v	vii)	Any other day of national significance.
4 5 6			thstanding any other provisions of this article, the public schools, may remain open and in session on primary and general election
7	(i))	Calvert;
8	(ii	i)	Caroline;
9	(ii	ii)	Dorchester;
10	(iv	v)	Kent;
11	(v	7)	Talbot; and
12	(v	vi)	Worcester.
13	(5) (1)	()	THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.
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