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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Public Schools - Length of School Year Adjustment - State of Emergency

- FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to adjust the length of the school year for up to a certain number of school days without applying for a certain waiver if normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions that require the Governor to declare a state of emergency; prohibiting education funding from certain sources from being reduced under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a length of school year adjustment by a county board of education for a state of emergency.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Education
- 12 Section 7–103
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 Article - Education

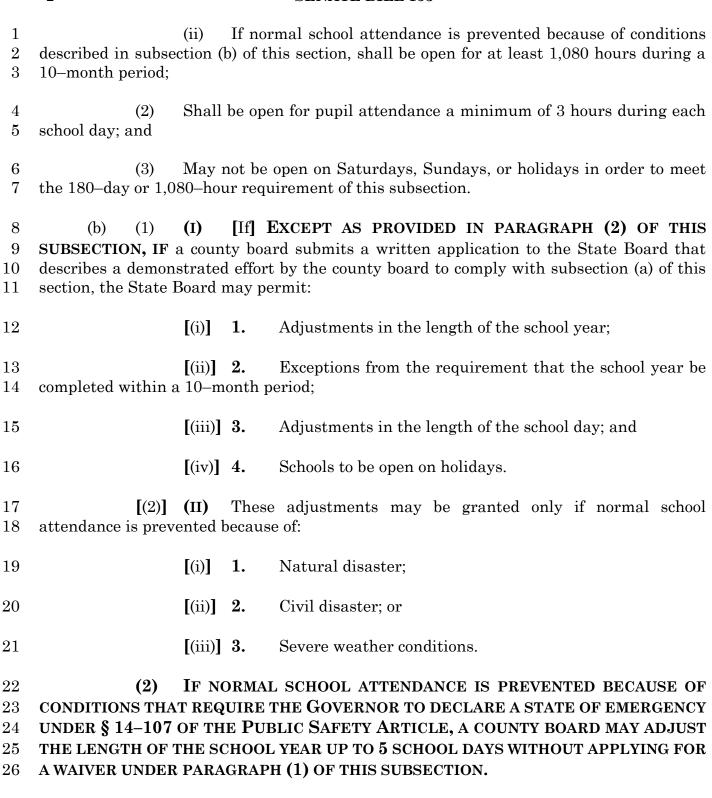
- 18 7–103.
- 19 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (e), and (f) of this section, each public 20 school under the jurisdiction of a county board:
- 21 (1) (i) Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school 22 days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours during a 10-month period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



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- Education funding from State or local sources may not be reduced if 28there are less than 180 school days in any year because of an approved application OR A 29 STATE OF EMERGENCY under this subsection.
 - (4) In case of emergency, the State Board may open schools on holidays.

1	(c) (1) The fo	ollowing days are public school holidays:	
2		(i)	Thanksgiving Day and the day after;	
3		(ii)	Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;	
4		(iii)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;	
5		(iv)	Presidents' Day;	
6 7	after Easter;	(v)	The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday	
8		(vi)	Memorial Day; and	
9		(vii)	Primary and general election days.	
$egin{array}{c} 10 \\ 11 \\ 2 \end{array}$	the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the date of			
13 14	(3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises for the following days:			
5		(i)	Washington's Birthday;	
16		(ii)	Lincoln's Birthday;	
17		(iii)	Veterans' Day;	
18		(iv)	Columbus Day;	
9		(v)	Arbor Day; and	
20		(vi)	Any other day of national significance.	
21 22 23	2 in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general elect			
24		(i)	Calvert;	
25		(ii)	Caroline;	
26		(iii)	Dorchester;	
7		(iv)	Kont.	

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1	(v)	Talbot; and

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Worcester.

- 3 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the State Board shall divide the school year into the terms it considers appropriate.
- 5 (e) (1) The county boards of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Howard, 6 Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and the Board of School Commissioners of 7 Baltimore City, may elect to operate one or more schools within the county or Baltimore 8 City on a year—round basis, provided that the 180—day and the minimum hour 9 requirements under this section are met.
- 10 (2) Nothing in this section precludes a county board from conducting a 11 year—round pilot study or program that is funded by the county board.
- 12 (f) Publicly funded prekindergarten programs are not subject to the 13 requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.