SENATE BILL 153

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By: Senators King, DeGrange, Feldman, Guzzone, Kagan, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Peters, Smith, Young, and Zucker

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning

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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.

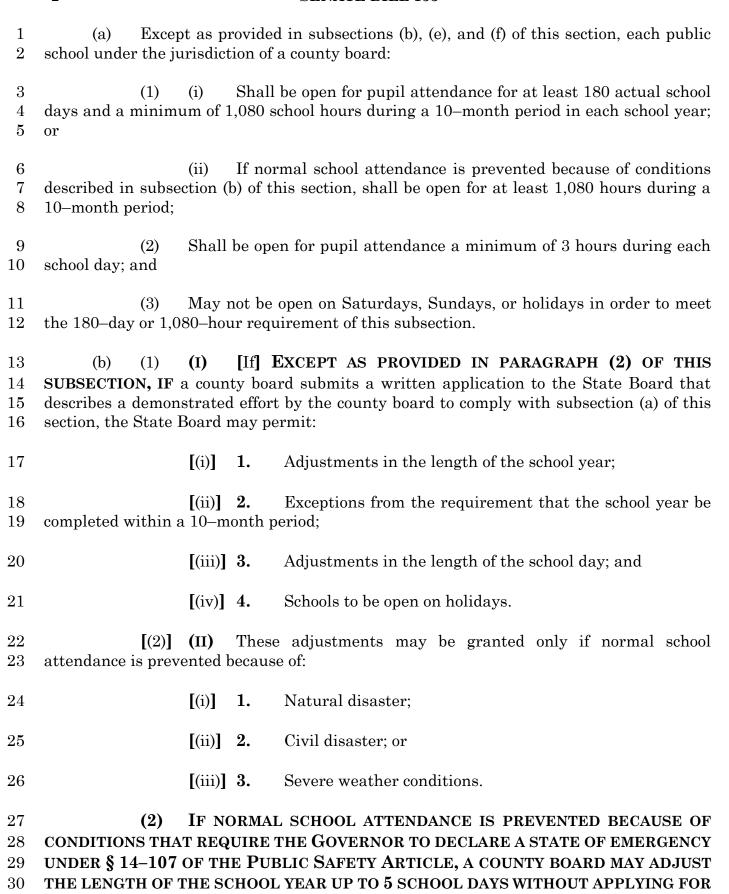
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

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A WAIVER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

1 2 3		Education funding from State or local sources may not be reduced if an 180 school days in any year because of an approved application OR A RGENCY under this subsection.		
4	(4)	In ca	se of emergency, the State Board may open schools on holidays.	
5	(c) (1)	The f	ollowing days are public school holidays:	
6		(i)	Thanksgiving Day and the day after;	
7		(ii)	Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;	
8		(iii)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;	
9		(iv)	Presidents' Day;	
10 11	after Easter;	(v)	The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday	
12		(vi)	Memorial Day; and	
13		(vii)	Primary and general election days.	
14 15 16	(2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different days the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the date observance for the public schools within the county.			
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19		(i)	Washington's Birthday;	
20		(ii)	Lincoln's Birthday;	
21		(iii)	Veterans' Day;	
22		(iv)	Columbus Day;	
23		(v)	Arbor Day; and	
24		(vi)	Any other day of national significance.	
25 26 27	(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public schools in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general election days:			
28		(i)	Calvert;	

1	(ii) Caroline;		
2	(iii) Dorchester;		
3	(iv) Kent;		
4	(v) Talbot; and		
5	(vi) Worcester.		
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8 9 10 11 12	(e) (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 how requirements under this section are met.		
13 14	(2) Nothing in this section precludes a county board from conducting year—round pilot study or program that is funded by the county board.		
15 16	(f) Publicly funded prekindergarten programs are not subject to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.		
17 18	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect Jul 1, 2017.		
	Approved:		
	Governor.		
	President of the Senate.		

Speaker of the House of Delegates.