

salary range, and not at the beginning salary rate, and move thence upward to the maximum rate therein.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 656

(Senate Bill 471)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 97 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 7. Schools", to designate the day of the year on which Arbor Day is to be observed in the public schools of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 97 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition) title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 7. Schools", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

97.

The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term; and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the county board of education; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirtieth day of June, inclusive of each and every year; and provided, further, that there shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays set forth and established in the following paragraph:

The following days shall be holidays, viz.: Thanksgiving Day, and the day after; from Christmas Eve to the first day of January, inclusive; and from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive; and a holiday on general election days, except in Wicomico County where the schools shall remain open on election days. On Washington's Birthday, the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the life and services of "The Father of Our Country"; and on November 11th, known as "Armistice Day," the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the World War and the participation of the United States and the State of Maryland in said war and on "Memorial Day", the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercise bearing on the War between the States and the participation of Maryland in said war; *and* "Memorial Day" [and "Arbor Day"] shall be observed at such time and in such manner as the State Board of Education may direct [.] ; *and Arbor Day shall be observed on the first Wednesday in April and in such manner as the State Board of Education may direct.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.