

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 *primary and* 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,] *Veterans' Day*, the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the World Wars and the participation of the United States and the State of Maryland in said wars 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" 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, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.

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(House Bill 206)

AN ACT to add new Sections 47-53 to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Pensions," to be under a new subtitle, "Baltimore City Police Department Death Relief Fund," establishing the Baltimore City Police Department Death Relief Fund as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland, and relating to special benefits upon the death of certain Baltimore City policemen and civilian employees of the Baltimore City Police Department and the machinery for administering the fund.

WHEREAS, Since February 16, 1948, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City has administered a fund created by contributions deducted from the pay of officers and civilian employees of the Baltimore City Police Department, to provide death benefits to the dependents of Baltimore City police officers killed in the line of duty, and the fund has now grown to \$264,688.03 as of January 12, 1967, and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City has requested the Legislature, and it is deemed by the Legislature desirable, to formalize the machinery for the administration of said fund, and to establish it as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland, subject to proper regulation and control, in order to provide maximum protection to those whom the fund was intended to benefit, to expand the benefits of the fund and to include civilian personnel, and to maintain and improve the morale of the Baltimore City Police Department.