

above, the State Board of Education may [permit: adjustments in the length of the school year; exceptions from] REDUCE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY NOT MORE THAN 10 SCHOOL DAYS, [the requirement that the school year be completed within a ten-month period; adjustments in the length of the school day; the opening of schools on holidays; or any combination of these measures;] provided that [these adjustments] THIS REDUCTION may be granted only for reasons of natural or civil disaster or severe weather conditions which prevent normal school attendance.

(c) In any year where there are less than 180 school days pursuant to an application approved under (b) above, there shall be no reduction in education funding from State or local sources in accordance with the approval granted under (k) above.

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Schools shall be kept open each day during the school year, except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, for not less than six hours. [The State Board of Education may open schools on holidays in cases of emergency.]

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That sections (s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:~~

~~Article — Education~~

~~7-103.~~

~~(b) (1) If a county board submits a written application to the State board that describes a demonstrated effort by the county board to comply with subsection (a) of this section, the State board may [permit] REDUCE[.]~~

~~[(i) Adjustments in the length of school year;] THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY NOT MORE THAN 10 DAYS PROVIDED THAT THE NUMBER OF ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS SCHEDULED BY THE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY IN THAT SCHOOL YEAR IS NOT LESS THAN 184 DAYS~~

~~[(ii) Exceptions from the requirement that the school year be completed within a 10-month period;~~

~~(iii) Adjustments in the length of the school day; and~~

~~(iv) Schools to be open on holidays.]~~

~~(2) [These adjustments] THIS REDUCTION may be granted only if normal school attendance is prevented because of:~~