

FOR the purpose of changing the number of hours per day the public schools must be open for pupil attendance; ~~allowing the State Superintendent to adjust the length of the school year;~~ and generally relating to the time that public schools are open.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
Section 7-103(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Education

7-103.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board [shall be kept open]:

(1) (i) ~~SHALL BE OPEN FOR PUPIL ATTENDANCE FOR~~ at least 180 actual school days AND A MINIMUM OF 1,080 SCHOOL HOURS during a 10-month period [of] IN each school year; [and] OR

(ii) [Except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for at least 6 hours each day during the school year; or]

[(2) (i)] Subject to the advance approval of the State Board, SHALL BE OPEN for at least 1,080 hours during a 10-month period; and

[(ii) Except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for at least 6 hours each day during the school year.]

(2) ~~SHALL BE OPEN FOR PUPIL ATTENDANCE A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS DURING EACH SCHOOL DAY; AND~~

(3) ~~MAY NOT BE OPEN FOR--REGULAR--SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS OR HOLIDAYS IN ORDER TO MEET THE 180 DAY OR 1,080 HOUR REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

(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, ~~OR BY DELEGATION, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT~~ may permit: