

# SENATE BILL 856

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By: **Senator Montgomery**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Holidays – Easter Monday**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Monday after Easter be a  
4 public school holiday; providing that, at the option of a county board, the  
5 Monday after Easter may be a public school holiday; and generally relating to  
6 public school holidays.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 7–103(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 7–103.

16 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

17 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

18 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;

19 (iii) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

20 (iv) Presidents' Day;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (v) The Friday before Easter [and from then through the  
2 Monday after Easter];

3 (vi) Memorial Day; and

4 (vii) Primary and general election days.

5 **(2) AT THE OPTION OF A COUNTY BOARD, THE MONDAY AFTER**  
6 **EASTER MAY BE A PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY.**

7 **[(2)] (3)** If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on  
8 different days, the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall  
9 be the date of observance for the public schools within the county.

10 **[(3)] (4)** The public schools shall devote a part of the day to  
11 appropriate exercises for the following days:

12 (i) Washington's Birthday;

13 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

14 (iii) Veterans' Day;

15 (iv) Columbus Day;

16 (v) Arbor Day; and

17 (vi) Any other day of national significance.

18 **[(4)] (5)** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the  
19 public schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary  
20 and general election days:

21 (i) Calvert;

22 (ii) Caroline;

23 (iii) Dorchester;

24 (iv) Kent;

25 (v) Talbot; and

26 (vi) Worcester.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2013.