

HOUSE BILL 400

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public School Holidays – Presidents’ Day and Easter Monday**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that Presidents’ Day and the Monday after
4 Easter be public school holidays; authorizing a county board of education to
5 designate Presidents’ Day and the Monday after Easter as public school holidays;
6 making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to public school holidays.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–103(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 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;]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 [(vi)] (V) Memorial Day; and

4 [(vii)] (VI) Primary and general election days.

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

8 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises
9 for the following days:

10 (i) Washington's Birthday;

11 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

12 (iii) Veterans' Day;

13 (iv) Columbus Day;

14 (v) Arbor Day; and

15 (vi) Any other day of national significance.

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

19 (i) Calvert;

20 (ii) Caroline;

21 (iii) Dorchester;

22 (iv) Kent;

23 (v) Talbot; and

24 (vi) Worcester.

25 **(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A**
26 **COUNTY BOARD MAY DESIGNATE PRESIDENTS' DAY AND THE MONDAY AFTER**
27 **EASTER AS PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2017.