

A019-0910

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **School Hours – Delaying Public High School Start Times**

30 FOR the purpose of improving the academic performance, health, and safety of Maryland’s public
40 high school students.

50 BY repealing, amending, and re-enacting
Article—Education
Section 7-103. Required school days and holidays.

Annotated Code of Maryland

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that the laws of
Maryland read as follows:

Section 7-103. Required school days and holidays

60 BY adding to
Article – Education
70 Section 7-118

80 Annotated Code of Maryland

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that the laws of
100 Maryland read as follows:

110 **Section 7-119 SCHOOL HOURS**

120 *(B) EFFECT OF SECTION—THIS SECTION REQUIRES THAT:*

130 (1) NO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND MAY BEGIN ITS FIRST CLASS
140 PERIOD BEFORE 8:30 A.M.

150 (2) NO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND MAY HAVE A NORMAL
160 SCHOOL DAY LASTING FEWER THAN SEVEN HOURS.

160 SCHOOLS WHICH SEEK EXEMPTION TO THIS PROVISION MAY APPLY FOR SUCH AN
EXEMPTION FROM THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AND MUST GIVE A GOOD REASON FOR
DOING SO.

190 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect upon the 2010-2011
200 school year.

210 **MANDATES**

220 Nancy Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools

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