

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 8:45 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

Sponsor:

Kathleen Mettle  
Secretary of State  
Vice Delegation Chairperson  
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