

HB1084/513125/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1084
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 7, after "both" insert "under certain circumstances"; and in the same line, after the semicolon insert "requiring a school open fewer than a certain number of hours or days to provide certain employees an opportunity to make up lost wages; requiring the county board to report to the State Department of Education and the General Assembly on elementary, middle, and high schools open fewer than a certain number of hours or days.".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 28, after "(G)" insert "**(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "MINIMAL HOURS OF ATTENDANCE" MEANS THE MINIMUM HOURS OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR REQUIRED UNDER COMAR 13A.03.02.12, IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2026.**

(2);

in line 30, after "ATTENDANCE" insert "ONLY"; strike beginning with "AT" in line 30 down through "THE" in line 31 and substitute "THE"; in line 32, strike the semicolon; and strike beginning with "**(2)**" in line 33 down through "SECTION" in line 34 and substitute "THE MINIMAL HOURS OF ATTENDANCE IF:

(I) THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WAS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) NORMAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY WAS PREVENTED DUE TO A CONDITION DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, NECESSITATING ADDITIONAL TIME TO MEET THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED SCHOOL DAYS OR MINIMAL HOURS OF ATTENDANCE:

1. AFTER THE SCHEDULED END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR; OR

2. DURING A DAY THAT SCHOOLS ARE SCHEDULED FOR CLOSURE;

(III) THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS USED AT LEAST 2 SCHOOL DAYS INCORPORATED INTO ITS CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER;

(IV) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPLIED FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE SCHOOL YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(V) PUBLIC SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN FOR AT LEAST 175 ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

(3) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RECEIVE AN APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF A REQUEST TO ADJUST THE SCHOOL YEAR BEFORE ELECTING TO REQUIRE ONLY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS OR THE MINIMAL HOURS OF ATTENDANCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY IS OPEN FOR FEWER THAN 180 ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS OR THE MINIMAL HOURS OF ATTENDANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVE PAY AT AN HOURLY RATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE UP THE LOST WAGES THROUGH OTHER DUTIES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR”.

On page 4, after line 5, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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(a) On or before June 30, 2026, and on or before June 30, 2027, the Montgomery County Board of Education shall report to the State Board of Education and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the operation of schools during the preceding school year that were open fewer than 180 actual school days or the minimal hours of attendance in accordance with § 7–103(g) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) The reports required under this section shall include a summary for elementary, middle, and high schools open fewer than 180 actual school days or the minimal hours of attendance on:

(1) the days the schools were open; and

(2) the number of hours per day that the schools were open with students in attendance.”;

in line 6, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; strike beginning with “shall” in line 6 down through “2026” in line 7 and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2027, and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.