



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 199

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The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the
4 fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on
5 the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or
6 after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), the
7 twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day), the third Monday in
8 February (known as Washington's Birthday), the last Monday in May
9 (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the fourth day of July
10 (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in September (known
11 as Labor Day), the second Monday in October (known as Columbus
12 Day), the eleventh day of November (known as Veterans' Day) and the
13 twenty-fifth day of December (known as Christmas) and any day
14 appointed or recommended by the Governor of this state or the
15 President of the United States as a day of thanksgiving, fasting or

16 religious observance, shall each be a legal holiday, except that
 17 whenever any of such days which are not designated to occur on
 18 Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday next following such day
 19 shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of such days occurs upon a
 20 Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding such day shall be a legal
 21 holiday. When any such holiday, except holidays in January and
 22 December, occurs on a school day, each local and regional board of
 23 education may close the public schools under its jurisdiction for such
 24 day or hold a session of the public schools on such day, provided, if a
 25 session is held, the board shall require each school to hold a suitable
 26 nonsectarian educational program in observance of such holiday. [If
 27 a] except that any such session held on the eleventh day of November
 28 shall be held in accordance with section 2 of this act. When any such
 29 holiday in January or December occurs on a school day, there shall be
 30 no session of the public schools on such day.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any local or regional board of
 32 education that does not close the public schools under its jurisdiction
 33 on the eleventh day of November, in accordance with section 1-4 of the
 34 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall require that the session
 35 held on such date be dedicated to learning about the contributions of
 36 veterans, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general
 37 statutes. Such session may include, but not be limited to, presentations,
 38 symposia or opportunities to collaborate with local veterans
 39 organizations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-4
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill results in no fiscal impact as it makes a procedural change, requiring that if Veterans Day falls on a school day and school boards opt to keep schools open, the day must be dedicated to learning about veterans' contributions, learning may include: presentations, symposiums, or opportunities to collaborate with local veterans organizations. There are multiple no-cost options available to local and regional school districts to learn about veterans' contributions.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 199*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that if Veterans Day falls on a school day and school boards opt to keep schools open, the day must be dedicated to learning about veterans' contributions. The session held on that day may include presentations, symposiums, or opportunities to collaborate with local veterans organizations.

By law, school boards have the discretion to close public schools on certain state holidays. Under current law, if the schools remain open, they must hold a suitable nonsectarian educational program in observance of the holiday.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)