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127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ....	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 318**      **An Act To Appropriate Funds to Kennebec Valley Community College  
for its Programs in Allied Health**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU COLLINS	ONTP	

This bill provides funds for the Allied Health Department within Kennebec Valley Community College.

**LD 338**      **An Act To Reduce Remedial Course Requirements at Maine Community  
Colleges**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS DILL	ONTP	

This bill requires that all students in grade 10 in a public school, public charter school or private school approved for tuition that enrolls at least 60 percent publicly funded students complete an academic achievement assessment established by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education. The President of the Maine Community College System must determine the scores on the assessment that conclusively indicate that a student will not need to enroll in remedial coursework while attending a college within the system. If a student whose score indicates that remedial coursework is required is accepted at and enrolls in a college within the system, the college must pay the costs of any remedial coursework the student may need to complete in the course of study declared at matriculation.

**LD 350**      **An Act To Expedite MaineCare Payments for School Administrative  
Units**      **PUBLIC 63**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY GOLDEN	OTP-AM	S-16

This bill provides that the Department of Education must provide the transfer of payment to the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of school administrative units no later than 90 days after the incurrence of the allowable school-based costs that represent the school administrative unit's portion of MaineCare payments. The detail of such deductions must be provided to the school administrative unit no later than 90 days after the incurrence of the allowable school-based costs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It ensures that the transfer of MaineCare seed payments for school administrative units are made pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education in a manner that remains in compliance with federal intergovernmental transfer requirements.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 63 ensures that the transfer of MaineCare seed payments for school administrative units are made pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education in a manner that remains in compliance with federal intergovernmental transfer requirements.