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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 127th 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & 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 127th 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 1081 An Act To Change the Individualized Education Program Notice Requirements

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN CUSHING	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that the notification to a parent of a child with a disability informing the parent of the parent's right to be a member of the child's individualized education program team must include notice that the parent has 14 days to object to any proposal by a school administrative unit for the placement of the child and that the parent or school administrative unit may request alternative dispute resolution.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)

This amendment which is the minority report of the committee, reduces the time a parent or guardian of a child with a disability has to object to any proposals by a school administrative unit for the placement of the child from 14 days, as provided in the bill, to seven days.

LD 1082 An Act To Ensure Equitable Support of Education for Maine Students in School Administrative District No. 6 and School Administrative District No. 44

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AUSTIN CUSHING	OTP-AM	

This bill eliminates the exemption for member municipalities in School Administrative District No. 6 and School Administrative District No. 44 from the standard municipal cost-sharing arrangement. For purposes of the cost-sharing calculation between these member municipalities in these two school administrative districts, the valuation and per-pupil figures for the member municipalities must both be set to 50 percent. The bill also repeals the prohibition against the withdrawal of the Town of Frye Island from School Administrative District No. 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-261)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and requires the Town of Frye Island and the other member municipalities in School Administrative District No. 6 or their representatives to negotiate in good faith in order to reach a settlement of the disputes between the member municipalities regarding the formula for computing each municipality's assessment for the total expenses of the school district and the provisions for the Town of Frye Island to withdraw from the school district. The amendment also requires that the member municipalities present a report that includes their findings and recommendations regarding changes to the formula for apportionment of kindergarten to grade 12 education costs of the member municipalities and to the statutes related to the authorization and procedures necessary for the Town of Frye Island to withdraw from the school district to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 11, 2015. Finally, the amendment provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature regarding its recommendations on the report submitted by the member municipalities to settle these disputes.