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128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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.

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

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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

The bill adds requirements to an agreement for withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit. The additional requirements are a plan for providing child nutrition services and an anticipated budget for the first year of operation of schools operated by the petitioning municipality. The bill requires the directors of a regional school unit board to respond to a proposed agreement of a withdrawing municipality within 30 days. It also authorizes a withdrawing municipality to request the Commissioner of Education to provide assistance to the withdrawing municipality and the directors of the regional school unit board in negotiations relating to the withdrawal agreement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-693)

This amendment strikes the bill's proposed requirements that the directors of a regional school unit board respond to a withdrawal committee within 30 days of receipt of the committee's proposed agreement and the proposed allowance that the withdrawal committee is allowed to request the Commissioner of Education to provide assistance in any negotiations. The amendment also provides that the referendum vote to approve withdrawal must be completed by November 30th of the year prior to the intended July 1st effective operational date for the schools of the withdrawn municipality.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 385 adds requirements to an agreement for withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit. The additional requirements are a plan for providing child nutrition services and an anticipated budget for the first year of operation of schools operated by the petitioning municipality. It also provides that the referendum vote to approve withdrawal must be completed by November 30th of the year prior to the intended July 1st effective operational date for the schools of the withdrawn municipality.

LD 228	An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B MALABY R	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This bill prohibits requiring the secondary course of study in schools from including an advanced algebra course and prohibits requiring students to achieve proficiency in advanced algebra. The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to amend the rules by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year requiring students to complete an advanced algebra course.

LD 334	An Act To Clarify the Uses of the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B LANGLEY B	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to amend the provisions of the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education as enacted in Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 4 in order to clarify terminology and uses of the fund.