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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 128<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.

*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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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

one-year terms; those appointed by the Governor serve four-year terms.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 200 changes the membership of the Advisory Committee on College Savings. It also specifies that members appointed by the chair of the board of directors of the Finance Authority of Maine are appointed to one-year terms; those appointed by the Governor serve four-year terms.

#### **LD 603 An Act To Provide Funding for Preschool Programs**

**Died Between  
Houses**

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

This bill provides ongoing funds for start-up grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children four years of age.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

#### **LD 633 An Act To Amend Teacher Evaluation Requirements**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREAR D MILLETT R	OTP-AM ONTP	H-197

This bill removes the requirement that student learning and measures of growth and state assessment results be used to measure educator effectiveness.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-197)**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment strikes a provision in the bill that removes the requirement in current law requiring that student learning and growth be included as part of the multiple measures of educator effectiveness. The amendment replaces that provision to clarify that the use of student learning and growth data to inform instruction is included as part of the multiple measures of educator effectiveness. The amendment also requires the Department of Education to submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature by January 12, 2018.

#### **LD 642 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services**

**RESOLVE 26  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KORNFIELD T	OTP-AM	H-106

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services.