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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 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th 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 Transportation

LD 752 An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill requires schools to post school zone speed limit warning signs.

LD 785 An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds PUBLIC 132

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R DILL J	OTP-AM	H-159

This bill allows a school crossing guard to direct traffic.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)

This amendment clarifies that failure to obey a school crossing guard is a traffic infraction. The amendment provides that school crossing guards are under the control of a local law enforcement agency only and not a school administrative unit. The amendment specifies that a school crossing guard must complete training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in order to control traffic on a public way. The amendment also provides that a school crossing guard may direct traffic only in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way. Finally, the amendment provides that a school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 132 allows a school crossing guard to direct traffic and provides that failure to obey a school crossing guard is a traffic infraction. The law provides that school crossing guards are under the control of a local law enforcement agency and not a school administrative unit. The law specifies that a school crossing guard must complete training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in order to control traffic on a public way. The law also provides that a school crossing guard may direct traffic only in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way. Finally, the law provides that a school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device.

LD 786 An Act To Require Center Line Markings on All State and State Aid Highways ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to install center line markings on all state and state aid highways and to establish a system by which certain state and state aid highways are designated as having a low traffic count. Center line markings installed on those highways are required to be repainted every two years.