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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 Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 996 An Act To Maintain the Current Number of Appointees to the Maine Arts Commission

PUBLIC 180

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P LANGLEY B	OTP-AM OTP	

This bill reduces the number of members of the Maine Arts Commission from a maximum of 21 to a maximum of 15.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-408)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and requires that the Maine Arts Commission must consist of 15 members, consistent with similar commissions.

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 180 reduces the number of members of the Maine Arts Commission from a maximum of 21 to a maximum of 15.

LD 997 An Act To Increase Funding to Schools by Repealing Unnecessary and Burdensome Regulations

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

The bill proposes to increase funding to schools by repealing unnecessary and burdensome regulations.

LD 1015 Resolve, To Study the Student Transfer Process

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	OTP-AM ONTP	H-198

This bill provides that a parent of a student requesting a transfer from one school administrative unit to another school administrative unit may not request the Commissioner of Education to review a decision to not approve a transfer if both superintendents find a transfer is not in the student's best interest. The bill also establishes the Commission To Study the Student Transfer Process to conduct a review of the appeal process under the laws governing the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another school administrative unit, including, but not limited to, a review of the criteria used by the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education to make a decision regarding a parent's request to review a decision to not approve a transfer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that, like the bill, establishes the Commission To Study the Student