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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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***

and secondary schools in this State. The system is required to develop recommendations for a wage schedule and other methods of improving recruitment and retention of child development educators and staff and submit its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, which is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**LD 1171      An Act To Sustain and Attract Skilled Workers to Maine by Improving the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program      Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J NADEAU C	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill establishes a position within the Finance Authority of Maine to assist Maine residents in communicating with secondary school guidance counselors, college career counseling services staff and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services and with other issues related to the Maine resident's participating in the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program. This bill also increases the amount to market the program throughout the State from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-151)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment strikes the section of the bill that establishes a liaison position with respect to the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program and replaces it with a section appropriating \$70,000 in ongoing annual funds for the Finance Authority of Maine to hire and pay a full-time customer service employee for the purposes of promoting the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program and assisting interested individuals, businesses and schools. The amendment also provides that the Finance Authority of Maine is not required but may contract with a private, nonprofit corporation to help market the program.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1184      An Act To Exempt Public Safety Buildings from Historic Preservation Restrictions      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M DAVIS P	ONTP OTP	

This bill exempts a public safety building, which is defined as a state, county or municipal building with the primary function of housing police, fire or emergency medical services, from restrictions imposed by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or by a historical society in the State.

**LD 1206      An Act To Increase State Funding to Maine Public Charter Schools and Noncharter Public Schools      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M LANGLEY B	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-304