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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

**LD 1330      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Facilitate      CARRIED OVER**  
**Innovative Approaches to Regional School Facilities and To Establish**  
**the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P		

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the development of multidistrict, consolidated and integrated prekindergarten through 16 school facilities. Part B establishes the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program to promote efficient capital financing activities for innovative regional school facilities projects and the Innovative Regional School Facilities Revolving Fund to support local efforts related to the program.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1331      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the      CARRIED OVER**  
**School Revolving Renovation Fund**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1365      An Act To Include Additional Corrections Officers under the 1998      Died Between**  
**Special Plan for Retirement and To Amend the Laws Governing      Houses**  
**Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill adds employees of the Maine Correctional Center, Long Creek Youth Development Center, Downeast Correctional Facility, Mountain View Youth Development Center and Charleston Correctional Facility to the retirement laws governing employees of the Maine State Prison, including the 1998 Special Plan.

This bill also provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety must be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-410)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies a cross-reference and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.