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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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**

This bill changes the requirement in the system of learning results, which is the foundation for Maine's proficiency-based diploma, from "career and education development" to "vocational preparation and practical life skills," which is defined as experiential instruction of students, regardless of career choice or pathway, that develops their understanding of interests, aptitudes and options related to work and study; develops core workplace skills in areas such as planning, communication, problem solving, teamwork and computer applications; and includes practical workplace and home economics experiences that maximize learning through hands-on application.

**LD 1861**      **Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Computer Science Education Task Force and To Update and Implement the Department of Education's Statewide Strategic Plan for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**      **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM ONTP	H-757 S-475    LANGLEY B

This resolve was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

The resolve is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2017, chapter 21, section 4. This resolve includes certain recommendations relating to the creation of a statewide plan for computer science education proposed in the report submitted by the computer science education task force for consideration by the 128th Legislature. The resolve was referred to committee for the usual processing of a resolve by committee.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-757)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment strikes and replaces the resolve to include provisions directing the Department of Education to update and implement the strategies for enhancing science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and requires the department to present its statewide plan regarding computer science education across the State's schools and the strategies for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education by April 15, 2019. The amendment directs the Department of Education to assign a full-time staff member to dedicate at least 50% of that staff member's time to supporting computer science education in the State and the statewide strategic plan for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-475)**

This amendment requires the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council, in consultation with other supportive partners, to host the meetings and provide other services associated with creating the statewide plan for computer science. This amendment also eliminates the one-time funds appropriated to the Department of Education for costs associated with developing the statewide plan.

**LD 1866**      **An Act To Increase Youth Mental Health Awareness in Schools**      **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANDY J MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-740