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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* 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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

This bill requires that, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, at least two personnel in each school within a school administrative unit and in each island, charter and public school that is not in a school administrative unit must be certified in youth mental health first aid.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-740)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment requires school administrative units to schedule and ensure training in youth mental health first aid for educators providing health instruction in addition to the current requirement to schedule and ensure training for health educators. It also requires school administrative units to ensure that training is provided to those educators in middle schools and high schools instead of only in high schools.

The amendment also requires a school administrative unit to meet the training requirements if it has access to free training that meets national standards. Currently, a school administrative unit is required to meet the training requirements only if it received federal funding, private funding or other funding for the purpose of establishing such a program.

LD 1869 An Act To Establish the Total Cost of Education and the State and Local Contributions to Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and To Provide That Employees of School Management and Leadership Centers Are Eligible To Participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

**PUBLIC 446
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-469 S-528 LANGLEY B H-805 KORNFIELD T

This bill was reported out of Committee in the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to the First Special Session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill establishes the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the local contribution for fiscal year 2018-19. The bill also provides that employees of school management and leadership centers established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 123 are eligible to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-468)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment includes provisions regarding dissolution for a school administrative unit to withdraw from a school management and leadership center and includes provisions for the merging of bargaining units of employees of a school administrative unit that also are employed by a school management and leadership center. The amendment also makes several changes to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the local contribution for fiscal year 2018-19, including:

1. Reducing the mill expectation rate for municipalities from 8.51 to 8.46 for fiscal year 2018-19 since the proposed allocation for career and technical education middle school programs for fiscal year 2018-19 is reduced by \$5,000,000 and \$5,000,000 is also reduced from the local costs for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12;
2. Transferring the provision of the adjustments from the state share of the total allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15689 to the audit adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689,