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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 increases the borrowing authority for the University of Maine System from \$220,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and it incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 487 increases the borrowing authority for the University of Maine System from \$220,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

LD 210 An Act To Increase Technology and Engineering Education for Grades 7 to 12 ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ORDWAY L DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to enhance technology and engineering education for students in grades seven to 12. The measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Changing the industrial arts/technology teacher endorsement to a technology and engineering endorsement and amending the endorsement requirements. The amended endorsement requirements would grandfather all current teachers who hold an industrial arts/technology endorsement and make them technology and engineering teachers. The amended endorsement requirements would also allow a college graduate with an engineering degree to obtain a technology and engineering endorsement; and
2. Creating three categories of science endorsements: life science, physical science and technology and engineering.

LD 1478, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, which was finally passed as Resolve 2019, chapter 101, authorizes final adoption of the Department of Education's will on teacher credentialing as long as the Department, among other things, changes the "industrial arts/technology teacher assessment to an "industrial arts/engineering and technology endorsement.

LD 225 An Act Regarding Transportation Management Software and School Bus Replacement Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill establishes in statute the criteria for the replacement of conventional and transit-style school buses through the Department of Education and prohibits the department from requiring a school administrative unit to use a specific brand of routing and transportation management software.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 236 An Act Regarding the Use of Unanticipated State Aid for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill requires the warrant presented to the legislative body of the regional school unit to include an article describing how unanticipated school aid will be used. In cases where the adjustment prevents the regional school unit board from raising 100% of the required local share, the Commissioner of Education must waive the required proration of the state share.

LD 237 An Act To Appropriate Funds for Coaching Services for Existing and New Prekindergarten Programs ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH D	ONTP	

This bill provides ongoing funds for coaching services to provide teaching support for new and existing prekindergarten programs throughout the State.

LD 246 An Act To Secure the Future of the Frances Perkins Homestead CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOW D GIDEON S	OTP-AM ONTP	S-15

This bill provides one-time funds to the Frances Perkins Center to be applied toward the acquisition of the Frances Perkins homestead in Newcastle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, directs the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to transfer \$250,000 in state fiscal year 2019-20 to be used for the acquisition of the Frances Perkins Homestead in Newcastle if certain requirements are met.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.