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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 127th 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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

LD 356

An Act To Permit the New England School of Dental Technology To Grant the Degree of Bachelor of Science

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill authorizes the New England School of Dental Technology to grant the degree of Bachelor of Science beginning December 1, 2015.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.

LD 374

An Act To Require School Administrators To Complete 50 Hours of Direct Student Instruction To Be Recertified

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the statutory provisions related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators are amended to include the completion of at least 50 hours of direct student instruction as a qualification for renewal of the administrator's certificate. The bill also directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provisionally adopt rules related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators no later than December 31, 2016.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the statutory provisions related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators are amended to permit the completion of at least 15 hours of academic instruction or involvement as a qualification for renewal of the administrator's certificate. Like the bill, the amendment directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provisionally adopt rules related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators no later than December 31, 2016.

LD 380

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Aid with the End of Student Hunger

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND MCCLELLAN	ONTP	

The Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine, as authorized pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 107, submitted its final report to the 127th Legislature; among many other recommendations of the task force is a requirement that the Department of Education convene a working group by March 1, 2015 to review the opportunities and challenges of the Community Eligibility Provision in the United States Department of Agriculture, study best practices related to the Community Eligibility Provision for school administrative units, address barriers to the use of the Community Eligibility Provision and make recommendations to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. The working group is required to complete and submit its report by April 30, 2015.

This resolve, an emergency measure, includes only that provision of the task force's recommendations regarding the