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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.

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that establish the new unified board.

2. Part B establishes a transition team to recommend further changes to the law to fully accomplish the transition to the unified board. The transition team will specifically recommend changes to determine the qualifications of trustees and the powers and duties of the unified board in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The report of the transition team must also recommend changes to the administration or organization of and the existing law governing the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System to ensure the efficient operation under the unified board and to avoid any potential conflicts with the law establishing the unified board. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature based upon the report.

LD 417 An Act Regarding Measures To Ensure Support for Students' Financial Literacy PUBLIC 64

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-50

This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to develop methods to measure students' proficiency in financial literacy for those students taking part in financial literacy education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 254, subsection 13 in order to help ensure they can demonstrate proficiency prior to graduation. The Commissioner of Education shall submit by January 13, 2016 a report on the measures and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, which may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to direct the Commissioner of Education to identify best practices to support students' financial literacy for those students taking part in financial literacy education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 254, subsection 13. The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Education to submit, by January 13, 2016, the 2016 annual report on the strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools and the best practices available to support students' financial literacy.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 64 directs the Commissioner of Education to identify best practices to support students' financial literacy for those students taking part in financial literacy education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 254, subsection 13. The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Education to submit, by January 13, 2016, the 2016 annual report on the strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools and the best practices available to support students' financial literacy.

LD 418 Resolve, To Study the Use of Social Impact Bonds as a Funding Mechanism for Public Education Programs in Maine RESOLVE 52

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT LANGLEY	OTP-AM ONTP	H-10

This resolve requires the University of Maine System's Education Research Institute to study the use of social impact bonds to fund extended learning programs and prekindergarten programs. A social impact bond generally

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involves a government entity partnering with a service provider or outside investor that provides the financing for the project or service that is the object of the bond with the government entity not being required to pay back the bond unless success is demonstrated by a measurable outcome.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs as it incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 52 requires the University of Maine System's Education Research Institute to study the use of social impact bonds to fund extended learning programs and prekindergarten programs. The Education Research Institute must submit a report of this study, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 2, 2015. The committee may report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LD 419 An Act To Establish the Summer Success Program Fund

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

OTP-AM
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

H-450

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to amend the current law to promote the establishment and expansion of summer school programs for elementary and secondary school students. The bill proposes that:

1. Elementary and secondary schools be provided with additional resources and incentives to establish or expand summer school programs that enhance the academic opportunities for Maine students;
2. The Department of Education provide elementary and secondary schools with examples of effective models of summer school programs that improve student performance, including model programs that involve school networking and partnerships with community-based organizations such as the Maine Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs that provide summer activities to align and leverage existing resources, improve program quality and develop shared outcomes for student success; and
3. The current provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A related to funding summer school programs be amended to provide additional funds for the establishment and expansion of summer school programs for elementary and secondary school students. The amendments to the current law may include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Providing an adjustment of the state share of the total allocation to qualifying school administrative units for the costs of establishing or expanding summer school programs for elementary and secondary school students; or
 - B. Providing qualifying school administrative units with the allocation of state grants to be awarded on an annual basis by the Department of Education for the establishment and expansion of summer school programs for elementary and secondary school students.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-450)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the concept draft to establish the Summer Success Program Fund, a dedicated fund to be directed and administered by the Commissioner of Education and held by the Treasurer of State, to encourage the facilitation of high-quality summer success programs in school