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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 Second 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.

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 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 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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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LD 356 **An Act To Permit the New England School of Dental Technology To Grant the Degree of Bachelor of Science** **ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

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

LD 419 **An Act To Establish the Summer Success Program Fund** **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T	OTP-AM ONTP	H-450 S-491 HAMPER J

This bill was reported out of committee in the prior session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

The 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

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held by the Treasurer of State, to encourage the facilitation of high-quality summer success programs in school administrative units throughout the State. The amendment accomplishes the following.

1. It provides that money paid into the fund may include General Fund appropriations, as well as grants, gifts and other money from any unit of federal, state or local government or from any person, firm, partnership or corporation for deposit to the fund and money received from a social impact bond. It requires that school administrative units ensure that grants provided from the fund for expanding access to summer success programs supplement and not supplant federal funding.
2. It requires the commissioner to administer the fund within the Department of Education and to establish standards and approval for the allocation and use of fund money for summer success programs offered at elementary or secondary schools in the State. It also allows the commissioner to include the following in the standards:
 - A. Guidelines similar to the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program to close the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and their peers;
 - B. Effective models of summer success programs that involve networking and partnerships with community-based organizations that provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development; and
 - C. Implementation of the formative and summative assessment methods to measure student achievement in order to monitor the progress of students participating in summer success programs.
3. It provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2016-17, the department is required to provide grant funding, through a grant application process, to cover 90% of the costs of summer success programs in school administrative units with greater than 50% student participation in the federal free and reduced-price lunch program.
4. It adds the fund to the enhancing student performance and opportunity provisions of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.
5. It requires the commissioner to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 15, 2015 that outlines the proposed rules to implement the fund by the 2016-2017 school year.

It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-491)

This amendment changes from fiscal year 2016-17 to fiscal year 2017-18 the fiscal year in which the Department of Education is required to provide grant funding to cover a portion of the costs of summer success programs and adjusts related dates and funding accordingly. This amendment also corrects the name of the federal act.

LD 981 An Act To Establish a Veterinary School

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MARTIN J

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to establish a veterinary school.