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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

and post those minutes on a publicly accessible portion of the public charter school's website within 48 hours after adjournment of the meeting; and

2. The provision that prohibits a public charter school from accepting a gift or grant that is conditional upon the removal of a staff member or teacher of the public charter school.

LD 1251 An Act To Safeguard Students' Personal and Private Information ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAWICKI MIRAMANT	ONTP	

This bill establishes data privacy practices for the Department of Education and school administrative units. It prohibits the department and school administrative units from disclosing personally identifiable information about students without the written consent of the parents of children under 18 years of age and the written consent of the students themselves when the students are at least 18 years of age. There are specific exceptions to the prohibitions. The bill also prohibits the collection, entry and maintenance of certain information about students and their families. A contractor, consultant or other party that has entered into a contract or other agreement with the department or a school administrative unit who violates the restrictions is subject to a \$5,000 civil penalty per violation and disqualification from future access to education records.

LD 1252 An Act To Protect Student Data ONTP

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

This bill establishes restrictions and protocols on the access and use of personally identifying student data by public and private elementary and secondary schools in software applications used to input, store and manage student data and on school-authorized electronic devices provided to students for overnight or at-home use. This bill also establishes restrictions and protocols for public and private elementary and secondary schools regarding allowable limitations on students' possession and use of and the schools' authority to access data on students' personal electronic devices.

LD 1253 An Act To Improve the Evaluation of Elementary and Secondary Schools CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BATES	OTP-AM	H-467

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill would require that, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and only after the adoption of major substantive rules by the Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education implement a school assessment system to measure school performance and student proficiency. The system implemented must include multiple measures of student achievement and may include, but is not limited to, the use of:

1. Summative assessments aligned with the grade level expectations of the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 2 and Department of Education Rule Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction;