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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

8. It strikes the bill's proposal to appropriate and allocate funds for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account.

9. It removes the requirement for the department to convene and staff a stakeholder group to develop guidelines for the definition of "qualifying leadership" and best practice guidelines for the inclusion of leadership in collaborative time for professional development and instead requires the department to develop those guidelines.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1459 An Act To Clarify the Use of Student Data from the Statewide Assessment Test

PUBLIC 405

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E BRAKEY E	OTP-AM	H-553

This bill delays by one year the implementation of any assessment test chosen by the Department of Education to replace the Smarter Balanced Assessment but allows schools to voluntarily implement the new test for the 2015-2016 school year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-553)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to delay until the 2017-2018 school year the requirement that school administrative units fully implement the performance evaluation and professional growth system established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 508 to measure educator effectiveness. The amendment provides that, during the 2016-2017 school year, each unit must operate and apply a pilot project to all of the schools and applicable staff in the unit. The amendment delays the use of statewide student assessment data as part of the performance evaluation and professional growth system to measure educator effectiveness. The amendment also delays until the 2017-2018 school year the use of statewide assessment data of student academic achievement as part of a system to evaluate or rate the performance of public schools in the State that is similar to or different from the school performance grading system developed by the Department of Education and introduced on May 1, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 405 delays until the 2017-2018 school year the requirement that school administrative units fully implement the performance evaluation and professional growth system established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 508 to measure educator effectiveness. The law provides that, during the 2016-2017 school year, each unit must operate and apply a pilot project to all of the schools and applicable staff in the unit. The law delays the use of statewide student assessment data as part of the performance evaluation and professional growth system to measure educator effectiveness. The law also delays until the 2017-2018 school year the use of statewide assessment data of student academic achievement as part of a system to evaluate or rate the performance of public schools in the State that is similar to or different from the school performance grading system developed by the Department of Education and introduced on May 1, 2013.