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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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*

**LD 1491**

**An Act To Allow Trained, Nonmedical Employees in Schools To Administer Emergency Medications**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J DUTREMBLE D	ONTP	

This bill authorizes a school administrative unit to participate in a program to allow nonmedical employees to volunteer to be trained to provide emergency medication to students upon request by a parent or guardian.

**LD 1492 An Act To Establish a Protocol for Review of State Education Content Standards of the System of Learning Results**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W WOODSOME D	OTP-AM	H-579

This bill removes the Common Core State Standards Initiative standards from the system of learning results at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. For the 2016-2017 school year, as an alternative to the core of standards in English language arts and mathematics for kindergarten to grade 12 established in common with the other states, the bill allows a school administrative unit to administer the statewide system of learning results standards that were in effect prior to April 12, 2010. It requires the Department of Education, with input from a stakeholder group, to develop new statewide content standards for use beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and to submit provisionally adopted major substantive rules to the Legislature by January 2, 2017. It requires the department to develop and adopt assessments for elementary and secondary schools in English language arts and mathematics that are aligned with the new content standards for use beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The bill also requires the department to establish accountability standards at all grade levels in the area of social studies.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-579)**

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following.

1. It requires the Commissioner of Education to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the status of the review of the content standards and performance indicators by content area of the system of learning results established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4.
2. It requires the annual report on the status of the review of the content standards to include a compilation and analysis of data on student progress towards achievement of the content areas under review and a listing of public comments received related to the content areas under review. It requires the commissioner, by June 30, 2017, to adopt or amend rules regarding the annual reporting requirement.
3. It requires the Department of Education to establish a content standards review committee and content standards review subcommittees to review and approve the statewide content standards developed by the department pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsections 4 and 5. It authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules based on recommendations from the review committee and review subcommittees.