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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

LD 1493

An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission

PUBLIC 380

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCLELLAN M LANGLEY B	OTP	

This bill requires the Director of the Maine Arts Commission to designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Arts Commission to organize and foster support for the commission and its programs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2016, chapter 380 requires the Director of the Maine Arts Commission to designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Arts Commission to organize and foster support for the commission and its programs.

LD 1517

An Act To Enable an Alternative Organizational Structure To Purchase Group Health Insurance for Its Employees

**PUBLIC 420
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B LANGLEY B	OTP-AM	H-549

This bill allows the governing body of an alternative organizational structure to obtain health insurance loss information for all of the alternative organizational structure's member school administrative units' employees and retirees and their dependents on an aggregate basis and to purchase a single health insurance policy that is offered to all eligible employees and retirees of the alternative organizational structure and its member school administrative units and their dependents.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-549)

This amendment removes the provision of the bill giving an alternative organizational structure specific authority to request, from an insurer providing health insurance, loss information for employees and retirees and their dependents, since school administrative units already have this authority and the definition of a school administrative unit in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A includes alternative organizational structures. This amendment also provides a cross-reference to that definition to make clear that it includes alternative organizational structures.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 420 provides clarification that the governing body of an alternative organizational structure is authorized to obtain health insurance loss information for all of the alternative organizational structure's member school administrative units' employees and retirees and their dependents on an aggregate basis and to purchase a single health insurance policy that is offered to all eligible employees and retirees of the alternative organizational structure and its member school administrative units and their dependents.

Public Law 2015, chapter 420 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2016.