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STATE OF MAINE  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 128<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 FINAL 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 Health and Human Services*

**LD 38**

**An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R FARNSWORTH R	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-64

This bill adds duties for the Maine Children's Growth Council. The bill requires the Maine Children's Growth Council to include additional information in the council's report to the Governor and certain legislative committees. It changes the reporting requirement from every two years to annually and includes the Legislative Council as a recipient of the report. The bill directs the Maine Children's Growth Council to develop an evaluation process and to periodically perform an evaluation of its effectiveness in performing its duties. The bill authorizes the Maine Children's Growth Council to receive staff assistance from the Child Development Services System and the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-64)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment removes from the bill the provision that allows the Maine Children's Growth Council to request staff assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Child Development Services System. The bill changes a reporting requirement from every two years to annually; the amendment removes that change so that the reporting requirement remains every two years. The amendment provides funding for a part-time staff person to support the activities of the Maine Children's Growth Council. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-65)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes from the bill the provision that allows the Maine Children's Growth Council to request staff assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Child Development Services System. The bill changes a reporting requirement from every two years to annually; the amendment removes that change so that the reporting requirement remains every two years.

This amendment was not adopted.

The substance of this bill was included in Public Law 2017, chapter 284.

**LD 40**

**An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R KORNFIELD T		

This bill requires schools that take drinking water from public water systems to have the same tests performed on that water as required of schools that take drinking water from sources other than public water systems, except that school buildings less than 10 years old are exempt from this requirement. Under the bill, after receiving results of school water tests, the Department of Education must make the results available to the public. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to make test results from nursery schools available to the public.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.