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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 128th 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 128th 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 Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 49

An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M LANGLEY B	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	H-497

This bill requires the Department of Education to include the so-called Next Generation Science Standards for kindergarten to grade 12 in the State's system of learning results and assessment and directs the Commissioner of Education to amend Department of Education rules on or before December 31, 2017 in order to include the science standards as part of the State's system of learning results and assessment beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-497)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

1. It strikes the provision of the bill that adds science to the content areas of English language arts, literacy and mathematics as part of the rating scale required to measure educator effectiveness as required under the performance evaluation and professional growth system;
2. It extends the implementation of the amended rules to the 2020-2021 school year and requires that the Department of Education provisionally adopt these rules on or before December 31, 2018; and
3. It also includes funding for the costs associated with including science standards that are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards as part of the learning results.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-498)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

1. It strikes the provision of the bill that adds science to the content areas of English language arts, literacy and mathematics as part of the rating scale required to measure educator effectiveness as required under the performance evaluation and professional growth system;
2. It further directs the Commissioner of Education, in amending the Department of Education rules in order to include science standards as part of the State's system of learning results and assessment, to include the science standards adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2006 and align those standards to the interactive components of the Next Generation Science Standards released in 2013;
3. It extends the implementation of the amended rules to the 2020-2021 school year and requires that the Department of Education provisionally adopt these rules on or before December 31, 2018; and
4. It also provides funding for the costs associated with including the science standards adopted by Massachusetts as part of the learning results.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.