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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<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 was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table. The bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

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 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. The amendment also 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. The amendment 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 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. The amendment 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. The amendment also 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.

The amendment also provides funding for the costs associated with including the science standards adopted by Massachusetts as part of the learning results.

**LD 51      An Act To Amend the Process for a Single Municipality To Withdraw from a Regional School Unit**

**PUBLIC 385**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B MAKER J	OTP-AM	H-693

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.