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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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

The bill adds requirements to an agreement for withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit. The additional requirements are a plan for providing child nutrition services and an anticipated budget for the first year of operation of schools operated by the petitioning municipality. The bill requires the directors of a regional school unit board to respond to a proposed agreement of a withdrawing municipality within 30 days. It also authorizes a withdrawing municipality to request the Commissioner of Education to provide assistance to the withdrawing municipality and the directors of the regional school unit board in negotiations relating to the withdrawal agreement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-693)

This amendment strikes the bill's proposed requirements that the directors of a regional school unit board respond to a withdrawal committee within 30 days of receipt of the committee's proposed agreement and the proposed allowance that the withdrawal committee is allowed to request the Commissioner of Education to provide assistance in any negotiations. The amendment also provides that the referendum vote to approve withdrawal must be completed by November 30th of the year prior to the intended July 1st effective operational date for the schools of the withdrawn municipality.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 385 adds requirements to an agreement for withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit. The additional requirements are a plan for providing child nutrition services and an anticipated budget for the first year of operation of schools operated by the petitioning municipality. It also provides that the referendum vote to approve withdrawal must be completed by November 30th of the year prior to the intended July 1st effective operational date for the schools of the withdrawn municipality.

LD 228 An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B MALABY R	ONTP	

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

This bill prohibits requiring the secondary course of study in schools from including an advanced algebra course and prohibits requiring students to achieve proficiency in advanced algebra. The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to amend the rules by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year requiring students to complete an advanced algebra course.

LD 334 An Act To Clarify the Uses of the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B LANGLEY B	ONTP	

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to amend the provisions of the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education as enacted in Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 4 in order to clarify terminology and uses of the fund.