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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 738 An Act To Make the School Budgeting Process a Biennial Process

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill changes the local school budgeting approval process, which is currently done on an annual basis, to a biennial process beginning with the biennium of fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-226)

This amendment is the minority report. The amendment removes the bill's requirement that the local school budgeting approval process, which is currently done on an annual basis, must be a biennial process beginning with the biennium of fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. The amendment allows school administrative units to establish a local school budgeting approval process on an annual or biennial basis.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 747 An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WADSWORTH N	ONTP	

This bill provides that school boards are responsible for establishing the minimum age necessary for student enrollment.

LD 748 An Act To Require at Least a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students

**Accepted Minority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T BREEN C	OTP ONTP	

This bill requires that school administrative units provide for students a lunch period of at least 30 minutes unless the governing body of the school administrative unit determines by vote after notice and public hearing that a 30-minute lunch period would be impracticable.

LD 749 An Act To Ensure Municipal Equity for the Town of Frye Island

**Leave to Withdraw
Pursuant to Joint
Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AUSTIN S		

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

This bill repeals the prohibition against the withdrawal of the Town of Frye Island from School Administrative District No. 6, which then allows the Town of Frye Island the same statutory municipal power of any other municipality in Maine, as long as the Town of Frye Island joins another school administrative unit within two years of the withdrawal.

LD 750 An Act To Provide \$500,000 of Matching Funds over 4 Years through Appropriations and Allocations To Preserve Rural Heritage and Living History Pertaining to Science and Technology in Penobscot and York Counties **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R MILLETT R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill provides an appropriation of up to \$125,000 per year for the next four fiscal years in matching funds to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the consolidation of the historical collections of the Curran Homestead Village and Willowbrook Village museums.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-40)

This amendment is a minority report of the committee. The amendment adjusts the appropriations in the bill of up to \$125,000 per year for the next four fiscal years to up to \$125,000 per year for the next two fiscal years in matching funds.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 751 An Act To Establish Districtwide Standardized Assessment Policies **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANDY J	ONTP	

This bill requires school boards, with input from parents, teachers and school administrators, to adopt districtwide policies regarding standardized assessments.

LD 753 Resolve, To Promote Internet Safety in Schools **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS H	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Education to develop Internet safety guidelines for students and others who have received laptop computers under the program that supplies laptop computers to middle school students.