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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

school administrative unit on education programs and services in the previous fiscal year.

LD 940 **An Act To Increase Student Learning Time** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to limit the total amount of time during each school year that a student spends taking tests.

LD 941 **An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Textbooks for Low-income College Students** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M MILLETT R	ONTP	

This bill amends the Maine State Grant Program, which is a grant program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, to award grants to Maine residents who are students at postsecondary institutions of higher education in Maine based on financial need. Under the program, the minimum grant is \$1,000 per year

This bill allows the authority, using the same need and residency criteria as for the grants, to award up to an additional \$500 grant for textbooks per year.

LD 965 **Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study School Board Member Training** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This resolve creates the Task Force To Study School Board Member Training. The task force is required to submit its report with its recommendations and any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 6, 2017.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment adds one additional member, who is a representative of the Maine Principals' Association, to increase the task force membership to ten participants. The amendment also clarifies that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek nominations from the Maine School Superintendents Association for the two members who are superintendents of school administrative units.

This amendment was not adopted.