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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

considered an educational policy, which is not subject to negotiation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-442)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title to reflect the provisions of the amendment. The bill requires involuntary transfers of teachers or other municipal employees to be subject to collective bargaining. The amendment requires school boards to adopt and implement policies governing involuntary transfers of teachers. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1104

An Act To Exempt School Resource Officers from Department of Education Background Check and Fingerprinting Requirements

PUBLIC 155

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAGGAN D CUSHING A	OTP-AM	H-283

This bill exempts from the school personnel background check and fingerprinting requirements law enforcement officers from a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a school's premises, commonly called school resource officers, who assist with school security, safety, emergency preparedness or emergency response or have been assigned other responsibilities concerning the school by the school or the local law enforcement agency.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-283)

This amendment specifies that the exemption in the bill from school personnel background checks for law enforcement officers applies only to active duty law enforcement officers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 155 exempts from the school personnel background check and fingerprinting requirements active duty law enforcement officers from a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a school's premises, commonly called school resource officers, who assist with school security, safety, emergency preparedness or emergency response or have been assigned other responsibilities concerning the school by the school or the local law enforcement agency.

LD 1113

An Act To Improve Antihunger Programs in Maine Schools

PUBLIC 238

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S KORNFIELD T	OTP-AM ONTP	S-184

This bill requires the Department of Education to develop and make available to public schools an Internet-based application for eligible students for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. The bill provides that a public school may make available the Internet-based application developed by the department for school meal applications. The bill also provides that if a public school implements an Internet-based application process, the public school is required to maintain paper applications for school meals.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-184)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment requires the Department of Education to make information available to public schools regarding Internet-based applications for eligible students for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program as in the bill, but removes the requirement that the