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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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***

This bill changes the multiplier for adjusting a public charter school's operating allocation from the appropriate transition percentage in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671, subsection 7, to 105%.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-304)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment:

1. Changes the multiplier for adjusting a public charter school's operating allocation to 100% rather than 105% as in the bill; and
2. Adjusts the noncharter public school's operating allocation calculated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671, subsection 7, from 97% to 100%.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-305)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the multiplier for adjusting a public charter school's operating allocation to 100% rather than 105% as in the bill.

**LD 1215      An Act To Clarify Collective Bargaining in School Districts      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill allows, but does not require, public employers of teachers to negotiate with respect to educational policies.

**LD 1228      An Act To Ensure That Charter School Students Have Access to      Died Between  
Extracurricular Activities      Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M LANGLEY B	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill provides students enrolled in a public charter school with the same access to extracurricular activities as students receiving homeschool instruction.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-285)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, revises the substance of the bill to provide that a school administrative unit is required to make both extracurricular and cocurricular activities available to a student enrolled in a public charter school who is eligible to attend a school of that school administrative unit, including a student who resides in the unorganized territory. The amendment defines "eligible student."

The amendment provides that an eligible student is eligible to participate in cocurricular activities sponsored by the school administrative unit upon approval of the principal or the principal's designee, which may not unreasonably be withheld. The student must comply with the applicable behavioral, disciplinary and other rules governing regularly enrolled students participating in the activities.

Like the bill, the amendment provides that an eligible student is eligible to try out for extracurricular activities