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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

background check.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-221)

This amendment changes the title, replaces the bill and requires, beginning January 1, 2018, a school administrative unit to submit quarterly to the Department of Education a list of the names of all employees and the date on which each person most recently commenced employment. Upon receipt of the list, the department is required to determine for each person included on the list whether the person has complied with all applicable criminal history record check and fingerprinting requirements. If any person has failed to comply with any applicable requirement, the department is required to immediately notify the school administrative unit of that person's failure to comply.

This amendment also provides ongoing funds for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to comply with the bill as amended by this amendment.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 1288 An Act To Promote Computer Science and Efficient Communication ONTP
between Schools and the Department of Education

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J TIPPING R	ONTP	

This bill allows that proficiency in a computer programming language may substitute for proficiency in a world language to meet the parameters of secondary school essential instruction and graduation requirements. This bill also appropriates \$1,000,000 per year of the 2018-2019 biennium to the Department of Education to issue a request for proposals to purchase a student information system that tracks student proficiency, grades and other student information, that links with the Department of Education student information system and that can be given to school administrative units at no cost.

LD 1290 An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief to Maine Teachers Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N DAUGHTRY M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill provides state funds of up to \$12,500 to a teacher for student loan forgiveness to match up to \$5,000 in federal student loan forgiveness awarded the teacher under the United States Department of Education's teacher loan forgiveness program. It provides up to \$12,500 to the teacher in a ratio of \$12.50 in state funds for every \$5 in federal loan forgiveness benefits the teacher receives.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.