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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 1321

An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BREEN C PIERCE T | OTP-AM ONTP | S-128 |

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to implement, beginning September 1, 2019, a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support and guidance to early care and education teachers and to providers working in public preschools, child care centers, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and young children who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put them at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning settings. The bill authorizes the Department of Education to designate an entity to design and implement an early childhood consultation program as a pilot project, and to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters with its recommendations concerning the amendment of the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides funding to the Department of Education for personnel necessary to carry out the purpose of the bill and costs associated with the development and implementation of a pilot project to establish an early childhood consultation program.

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 1334

An Act To Authorize the Town of Atkinson To Withdraw from School Administrative District No. 41

P & S 9

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HIGGINS N DAVIS P | OTP-AM | H-252 |

This bill authorizes the Town of Atkinson, which formed School Administrative District No. 41 with other municipalities pursuant to Private and Special Law 1965, chapter 68, to withdraw from School Administrative District No. 41 if it meets the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1466.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-252)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 9 authorizes the Town of Atkinson, which formed School Administrative District No. 41 with other municipalities pursuant to Private and Special Law 1965, chapter 68, to withdraw from School Administrative District No. 41 if it meets the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1466.