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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 1335

An Act To Provide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training to Secondary School Health Educators

PUBLIC 269

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J BREEN C	OTP-AM ONTP	H-421 H-471 MCCREIGHT J

This bill requires the Department of Education to establish a program to ensure health educators in secondary schools receive training from properly credentialed trainers in youth mental health first aid.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-421)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It provides funding to the Department of Education for personnel and costs necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-471)

Committee Amendment "A" provides ongoing funds for the Department of Education to establish a youth mental health first aid training program for health educators in secondary schools. This amendment eliminates that funding and instead requires a school administrative unit, if it receives funding for that purpose, to establish such a program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 269 requires a school administrative unit, if it receives funding to establish a youth mental health first aid training program for health educators in secondary schools, to establish such a program.

LD 1336

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Process for a Single Municipality To Withdraw from a Regional School Unit

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P		

This bill allows the withdrawal committee for a single municipality seeking to withdraw from a regional school unit to request an extension of time to submit an agreement to the Commissioner of Education for a period not to exceed 180 days after the formation of the withdrawal committee. The withdrawal committee by unanimous vote may request an extension from the commissioner beyond 180 days after the formation of the withdrawal committee.

It allows the withdrawal committee to petition the commissioner to order binding mediation between the parties if they fail to enter into an agreement within 180 days after the formation of the withdrawal committee. The agreement reached through mediation must be submitted to the commissioner for approval.

It requires the agreement for the withdrawal of a single municipality from a regional school unit to include a plan for providing child nutrition services in compliance with state and federal laws at schools operated by the withdrawing municipality and an anticipated budget for the schools operated by the withdrawing municipality for the first year of operation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-443)

This amendment changes the bill's proposal to allow the withdrawal committee of a municipality petitioning to withdraw from a regional school unit to petition the Commissioner of Education to order binding mediation between the parties if they fail to enter into an agreement within 180 days after the formation of the withdrawal committee. The amendment instead allows the withdrawal committee to petition the commissioner to order mediation between