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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 1404

An Act To Ensure Integrity of For-profit Colleges and Universities

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E POULIOT M	OTP-AM	S-204

This bill requires annual review of for-profit colleges by the State Board of Education to ensure that they are meeting adequate educational standards. If the board finds that a for-profit college is not meeting the standards, the board may terminate the degree-granting authority of a for-profit college.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-204)

This amendment makes the following clarifications and changes to the bill.

1. It clarifies that the bill applies to for-profit colleges and universities.
2. It clarifies that the required accreditation requirements for-profit colleges and universities must satisfy are regional accreditations.
3. It adds a requirement that student support services, including the process by which student complaints are handled, be reviewed as part of the evaluation by the State Board of Education to determine whether adequate educational standards are being met by a for-profit college or university.

LD 1416 An Act To Amend High School Diploma Standards

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the requirements for a high school diploma and adds new subjects to those requirements. It repeals the sunset and application provisions of the high school diploma standards in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4722. It requires the Department of Education to adopt rules establishing pathways by which students may demonstrate achievement of high school diploma standards by documentation of college readiness assessment standardized test scores, combinations of GPA and academic and career indicators and advanced placement examinations and course grades.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-444)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the bill's proposed number of years that courses must be provided from four years to three years for the subjects of social studies and history, mathematics and science, which are required to receive a high school diploma. The amendment also provides ongoing funding to school administrative units for 90% of the cost of increasing secondary school requirements for mathematics, social studies and science by one year.

This amendment was not adopted.