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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 1483 An Act To Safeguard Student Contact Information Provided to Schools

**Died Between
Houses**

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

This bill prohibits a school administrative unit or school, or a representative of a school administrative unit or school, from using contact information of a student or student's parent or guardian to advance any campaign as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1052, subsection 1. The bill also makes that contact information part of the student's education record.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-456)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that the prohibition in the bill against school administrative units and schools using the contact information of students or of parents and guardians of students to advance a campaign does not apply with respect to municipal and county referendums.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1492 An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the
Workforce**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R STEWART H		

This bill creates various programs to attract, educate and retain in the State's workforce immigrant populations in the following ways:

1. It creates the Office of New Mainers and the Office of New Mainers Advisory Committee to coordinate among various departments by developing a comprehensive plan to educate and train immigrant populations to fill needed positions of employers throughout the State;
2. It establishes the Welcome Center Initiative to operate welcome centers in adult education programs to attract, educate and retain in employment foreign-trained workers in municipalities or regions of the State that have immigrant populations or that have industries that are experiencing a shortage of trained workers, patterned after the New Mainers Welcome Center operated by the City of Portland adult education program through a pilot program created by the 126th Legislature;
3. It establishes three grant programs to:
 - A. Contract with service providers to provide English-language instruction, vocational training and placement of immigrants in the State with employers of the State;
 - B. Assist counties, municipalities and school administrative units in managing new immigrant populations that have settled within the counties, municipalities and school administrative units or in attracting immigrant populations to address depopulation or workforce shortages within the counties, municipalities and school administrative units; and

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C. Award grants to adult education programs to increase English-language acquisition instruction in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations; and

4. It expands the Welcome Center Initiative to the City of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain in employment foreign-trained workers residing in Androscoggin County, patterned after the New Mainers Welcome Center in Portland.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-195)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and removes the Office of New Mainers and the Office of New Mainers Advisory Committee from the bill and removes all references to both offices. It adds proposed welcome centers to the purpose for which adult education program grants may be given. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then recommitted to the committee; it was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1528 An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes of Regional School Unit No. 5 INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARSON B GIDEON S		

This bill was not referred to committee.

The bill validates the referendum votes of Regional School Unit No. 5 conducted on January 10, 2017 to authorize gifts and other funding sources, including bonds, for a track and field project. Regional School Unit No. 5 conducted a public hearing on December 7, 2016, prior to that referendum. The regional school unit provided notification of the public hearing by posting a notice of public hearing in each town for 6 days prior to the hearing, instead of seven days prior to the public hearing as required by law, which created a legal technicality that affects the marketability of the bonds to be issued for the track and field project in Regional School Unit No. 5.

LD 1531 An Act To Amend Education Statutes Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B STEWART H	ONT OTP-AM	

This bill:

1. Specifies that the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering does not count towards the limit of 10 public charter schools set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 2405, subsection 9;
2. Specifies that the Maine Charter School Commission is responsible for the oversight of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering;