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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

- 3. Provides that state funding for the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering must be provided using the method established for public charter schools that are authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission;
- 4. Replaces the so-called declining enrollment adjustment to the calculation of essential programs and services;
- 5. Repeals the authority of the Commissioner of Education to expend and disburse funds for school improvement and support, implementation of performance evaluation and professional growth systems and learning results implementation, assessment and accountability;
- 6. Provides funding and authority for the commissioner to expend and disburse funds through a competitive grant process to establish pilot programs that would benefit students in public schools in the fields of science, computer science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
- 7. Provides funding and authority for the commissioner to expend and disburse funds to provide training for identification and intervention services for children with autism; and
- 8. Corrects cross-references.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-185)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the appropriations and allocations section in the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1555 An Act To Facilitate a Statewide Teacher Contract

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J	ONTP	

This bill allows a public employer of teachers to designate the State as its representative in collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of encouraging consistent teacher contracts statewide.

LD 1569 An Act To Revise Certification Statutes for Educational Personnel

PUBLIC 235

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KORNFIELD T	OTP-AM	H-515

This bill amends the laws governing the credentialing process for teachers, educational specialists and administrators, and replaces references to the certification, authorization and approval of teachers and educational personnel with references to credentialing teachers and educational personnel.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-515)

This amendment amends the bill's proposals related to the laws governing the credentialing process for teachers, educational specialists and administrators. The amendment also provides a process for the certification of educational technicians.

Enacted Law Summary