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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 1698 An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E THIBODEAU M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

The bill proposes to promote innovation and growth in Maine's traditional industries.

**LD 1731 An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools**

**PUBLIC 342**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B KORNFIELD T	OTP-AM	S-371

This bill allows a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges; in current law, such a private school is subject to the Department of Education's basic school approval process.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-371)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that private schools, including private schools that do not enroll at least 60% publicly funded students, may operate as approved private schools without undergoing the Department of Education's basic school approval process or meeting the requirements of the system of learning results if they are accredited by a New England association of schools and colleges. The amendment also requires a private school that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students to meet the requirements of the system of learning results before being approved for receipt of public funds for tuition purposes.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 342 provides that private schools, including private schools that do not enroll at least 60% publicly funded students, may operate as approved private schools without undergoing the Department of Education's basic school approval process or meeting the requirements of the system of learning results if they are accredited by a New England association of schools and colleges. The law also requires a private school that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students to meet the requirements of the system of learning results before being approved for receipt of public funds for tuition purposes.

**LD 1733 An Act Concerning Locations for Career and Technical Education Regions and Centers**

**Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B KORNFIELD T		