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128TH 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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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		

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

This bill strikes the provisions in current law that define the organizational makeup of career and technical education centers and regions and instead authorizes the Department of Education to adopt rules that define the organizational makeup of career and technical education centers and regions. The bill clarifies that a satellite program may be affiliated with a region.

LD 1749 An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D HANLEY J	ONTP	

This bill provides that the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy may not require a student to have been a resident of this State for longer than one year to be eligible for in-state tuition.

LD 1756 An Act To Allow The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Governor Baxter School for the Deaf To Lease Space to Maine's Protection and Advocacy Agency for Persons with Disabilities PUBLIC 413 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T	OTP-AM ONTP	H-577

This bill allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease agreements to lease school property at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf on Mackworth Island to the State's protection and advocacy agency for persons with disabilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-577)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment clarifies in the emergency preamble that the bill is consistent with the Governor Baxter deed of gift and clarifies that any funds received pursuant to the provision of law that allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to lease facilities of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to the State's protection and advocacy agency for persons with disabilities must be treated in accordance with this section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, Chapter 413, permits the Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs to enter into lease agreements to lease school property at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf on Mackworth Island to the State's protection and advocacy agency for persons with disabilities.

Public Law 2017, Chapter 413 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2018.

LD 1761 An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J JACKSON T	ONTP OTP	