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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 63 An Act To Improve Responsiveness of Elected School Boards to the Public

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ARATA A CYRWAY S	ONTP OTP	

This bill adds that one of the duties of a school board is to be accountable to the residents who live within the boundaries of the school board’s district, who are the school board’s constituents.

LD 92 An Act To Amend Educator Evaluation Requirements

PUBLIC 27

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D HERBIG E	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-18

This bill clarifies that the use of student learning and growth data to inform instruction is included as part of the multiple measures of educator effectiveness. The bill also requires the Department of Education to submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature by January 10, 2020.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-18)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a school administrative unit is not required to use student growth measures in educator evaluation requirements and provides that the effective date of the provisions in the legislation that remove the requirement regarding student growth and learning systems is September 1, 2021. This amendment also requires that a school administrative unit's steering committee on the elements of the school administrative unit's performance evaluation and professional growth system must include a majority of teachers chosen by the school administrative unit's local union and that any revisions to the performance evaluation and professional growth system made by the steering committee must be reached by consensus.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-19)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Education to revise the Maine Educational Assessment so that it accurately reflects measurements of student learning and growth. The department is required to consult with teachers and administrators and local steering committees in revising the assessment. The revised assessment must be designed to provide data and performance metrics that will be used as a measure of performance of English language arts and mathematics teachers and may be designed to provide data and performance metrics to be used as a measure of performance in other content areas.

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 27 clarifies that a school administrative unit is not required to use student growth measures in educator evaluation requirements beginning September 1, 2021. It also requires that a school administrative unit's steering committee on the elements of the school administrative unit's performance evaluation and professional growth system must include a majority of teachers chosen by the school administrative unit's local union and that any revisions to the performance evaluation and professional growth system made by the steering committee must be reached by consensus.