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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 129<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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> 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 97      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 38:  
Suicide Awareness and Prevention in Maine Public Schools, a Major  
Substantive Rule of the Department of Education**

**RESOLVE 14  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | OTP-AM                  | H-45                      |

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 38: Suicide Awareness and Prevention in Maine Public Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)**

This amendment provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 38: Suicide Awareness and Prevention in Maine Public Schools, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, is authorized only if the department incorporates certain specific amendments to the rule prior to final adoption.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 14 provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 38: Suicide Awareness and Prevention in Maine Public Schools, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, is authorized only if the department incorporates certain specific amendments to the rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2019, chapter 14 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2019.

**LD 98      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122:  
Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient  
Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the  
Department of Education**

**RESOLVE 8  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | OTP-AM                  | H-3                       |

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)**

This amendment provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, is authorized only if the department amends the rule regarding the scoring of applications and clarifying that the replication of a project of similar scope or service previously funded by an award from the fund is permissible by a new applicant and partners.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 8 authorizes the final adoption of portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, which was a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, with clarifying amendments regarding the scoring of applications and funding of previously funded projects with new applicants and partners.

Resolve 2019, chapter 8, was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2019.