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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 103 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of For-profit Colleges and Universities

PUBLIC 157

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E HEPLER A	OTP-AM ONTP	S-83

This bill requires annual review of for-profit colleges by the State Board of Education to ensure that they are meeting adequate educational standards. If the board finds that a for-profit college is not meeting the standards, the board may terminate the degree-granting authority of the for-profit college.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-83)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and clarifies that the bill applies to for-profit universities as well as colleges and expands the definition of "for-profit college or university" to include a postsecondary institution that is regulated by the Department of Education or the State Board of Education, is eligible to participate in federal student aid programs and is operated by a private, for-profit business. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Education, instead of the State Board of Education, to review a for-profit college or university and adds a requirement that student support services, including the process by which student complaints are handled, be reviewed by the Commissioner of Education to determine whether adequate educational standards are being met by a for-profit college or university.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 157 requires the Department of Education to conduct an annual review of for-profit colleges, which are defined as a postsecondary institutions that are regulated by the Department of Education, are eligible to participate in federal student aid programs and are operated by a private, for-profit business, to ensure that they are meeting adequate educational standards. If the department finds that a for-profit college is not meeting the standards, the department may terminate the degree-granting authority of the for-profit college.

LD 135 An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D LAWRENCE M	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery to construct a breakwater, dock and gangway.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-4)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.