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*Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 246      An Act To Secure the Future of the Frances Perkins Homestead      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOW D GIDEONS	OTP-AM ONTP	S-15

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides one-time funds to the Frances Perkins Center to be applied toward the acquisition of the Frances Perkins homestead in Newcastle.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, directs the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to transfer \$250,000 in state fiscal year 2019-20 to be used for the acquisition of the Frances Perkins Homestead in Newcastle if certain requirements are met.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 359      An Act To Address Student Hunger with a "Breakfast after the Bell" Program      PUBLIC 556 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOORE M TUELL W	OTP-AM ONTP	S-373 BREEN C S-78

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill requires a school administrative unit with a public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year to operate an alternative breakfast delivery service that provides breakfast after the start of the school day for students at that public school. It also provides a process for a school administrative unit to opt out of the alternative breakfast delivery service. This bill requires the Department of Education to adopt rules to develop an application process and to adopt standards to address evaluation criteria based on need for funding assistance for alternative breakfast delivery services in school administrative units. It also requires the department to develop a means to track health and academic outcomes of students and schools that participate in alternative breakfast delivery services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-78)**

The bill requires a school administrative unit with a public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year to operate an alternative breakfast delivery service.

This amendment, which is the majority report, clarifies that the alternative breakfast delivery service provides breakfast after the start of the school day and before any lunch period in the school begins for students at that public

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school. The amendment also provides that a school administrative unit or a public school in which at least 70% of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals participate in the breakfast program is exempt from the requirement of providing an alternative breakfast delivery service. The amendment revises the process as proposed in the bill for a school administrative unit to opt out of the alternative breakfast delivery service. The amendment also provides for procedures to track health and academic outcomes of students.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-100)**

This amendment provides funding for the so-called "breakfast after the bell" program for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, and removes the indication of ongoing funding. This amendment also specifies that the funds provided do not lapse but are carried forward.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)**

This amendment clarifies that a public school in which at least 70% of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals are participating in the breakfast program is not required to meet the annual 10 percentage point breakfast participation rate increase as long as that public school maintains a 70% or higher breakfast participation rate. The amendment also strikes the ongoing General Fund appropriations section and adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 556 requires a school administrative unit with a public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year to operate an alternative breakfast delivery service. The law clarifies that the alternative breakfast delivery service provides breakfast after the start of the school day and before any lunch period in the school begins for students at that public school. It also provides that a school administrative unit or a public school in which at least 70% of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals participate in the breakfast program is exempt from the requirement of providing an alternative breakfast delivery service. It clarifies that a public school in which at least 70% of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals are participating in the breakfast program is not required to meet the annual 10 percentage point breakfast participation rate increase as long as that public school maintains a 70% or higher breakfast participation rate. It also provides for procedures to track health and academic outcomes of students.

Public Law 2019, chapter 556 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 14, 2020.

**LD 427 An Act To Require the State To Fund Teacher Retirement**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN M SANBORN L	OTP-AM ONTP	H-20

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order H.P. 1322.

This bill changes the method for funding teacher retirement costs. It repeals those provisions of law enacted pursuant to Public Law 2013, chapter 368 that require school administrative units and private schools to pay a portion of the costs for teacher retirement.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)**