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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 438 **An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| POULIOT M DILLINGHAM K | ONTP | |

This bill removes the cap on the number of charter schools the Maine Charter School Commission may authorize.

LD 441 **An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools** **PUBLIC 32**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BREEN C DOUDERA V | OTP-AM | S-14 |

This bill allows public school students to possess and use a topical sunscreen product while on school property or at a school-sponsored event without prior authorization from a parent or legal guardian or a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules authorizing students who attend public school to possess and use a topical sunscreen product while on school property or at a school-sponsored event without a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional if the product is regulated by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use for the purpose of limiting skin damage from ultraviolet radiation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 32 directs the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules authorizing students who attend public school to possess and use a topical sunscreen product while on school property or at a school-sponsored event without a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional if the product is regulated by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use for the purpose of limiting skin damage from ultraviolet radiation.

LD 454 **An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Produce for Public Schools** **PUBLIC 511**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VITELLI E ACKLEY K | OTP-AM ONTP | S-108 S-327 BREEN C |

This bill provides funds to the Department of Education to administer the Local Produce Fund and to provide a \$1 match for every \$3 expended by a school administrative unit for produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative or local food hub in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-108)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, establishes one Education Specialist II position rather than one Education Specialist III position as in the bill. The amendment also provides that the state match is up to a maximum of \$1,000 per school administrative unit in state fiscal year 2019-20 and up to \$1,500 per school