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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.

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LD 672 An Act To Allow Local Flexibility in Teacher Assignment To Enhance Student Achievement Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows a holder of a professional teacher certificate to teach no more than 20% of the teacher's teaching assignment outside the teacher's area of endorsement. It also requires a superintendent to notify and provide certain details to the Commissioner of Education when a teacher is assigned to teach outside the teacher's area of endorsement.

LD 685 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUDDY S HERBIG E	ONTP	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to amend the laws governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

LD 701 An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program PUBLIC 480

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S KORNFIELD V	OTP-AM	S-139 S-329 BREEN C

Current law requires the Department of Education to make information available to public schools regarding Internet-based applications for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. This bill requires the department to develop and make available to public schools a specific Internet-based application for the National School Lunch Program as well as for the School Breakfast Program. A public school that implements the Internet-based application process is required to continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)

This amendment provides that the Department of Education is required to contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. The amendment provides that a public school implementing the Internet-based application is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. The amendment also provides that the department may contract with a third-party vendor to develop and implement the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price school meals. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-329)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment also provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for the cost to develop and

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maintain an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals and a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 to eligible school administrative units that start or expand alternative breakfast delivery services that provide breakfast after the start of the school day.

This amendment also requires the State Controller to transfer \$650,000 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2020 and \$150,000 no later than June 30, 2021 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 480 requires the department to develop and make available to public schools a specific Internet-based application for the National School Lunch Program as well as for the School Breakfast Program. A public school that implements the Internet-based application process is required to continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students.

The law requires the Department of Education to contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. The law provides that a public school implementing the Internet-based application is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications.

The law also provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for the cost to develop and maintain an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals and a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 to eligible school administrative units that start or expand alternative breakfast delivery services that provide breakfast after the start of the school day.

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LD 703 An Act To Help Maine Students Succeed

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
MILLETT R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to help Maine students succeed.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 711 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study and Recommend a
Minimum Age for Participation in Tackle Football**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BRENNAN M
VITELLI E

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study and Recommend a Minimum Age for Participation in Tackle Football. The commission is required to submit a report, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.