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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 750      An Act To Allow Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Instructors To Instruct without State Certification      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M POULIOT M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill exempts from teacher certification requirements a federal Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor certified by the United States Department of Defense providing Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instruction to students in grade 9 to grade 12.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-142)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill and directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules providing certification and endorsement for federal Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors to provide Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instruction to students in grade 9 to grade 12.

This amendment was not adopted.

In LD 1478, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, the committee voted to include a secondary teacher endorsement for a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps teacher, which would allow the holder of that endorsement to serve as a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps teacher for students from grade 9 to grade 12, and include that an applicant for such endorsement must be required to meet applicable general credentialing requirements must be required to satisfy additional specific eligibility requirements as determined by the department and that the rule must provide that an applicant who does not meet such additional eligibility requirements is eligible for a conditional certificate upon a determination that the applicant has received a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor certification from the United States Department of Defense in accordance with the applicable standards of the United States Department of Defense for senior military instructors and has completed a course approved by the department regarding the teaching of exceptional students in the regular classroom. LD 1478 was finally passed as Resolve 2019, chapter 101.

**LD 760      An Act To Prohibit the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy from Considering the Criminal Records of Applicants      Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R BELLOWS S		

This bill prohibits the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy from inquiring about or considering the criminal record of an applicant for admission to any postsecondary educational program.