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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 1029 An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Students Attending ONTP
Public Secondary Schools with Enrollments of 300 or Fewer Students

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill requires private and public secondary schools with more than 300 students to enter into contracts with secondary schools with 300 or fewer students to establish academic opportunity programs that make available to resident students of the smaller schools the courses and academic programs of the larger schools, including, but not limited to, advanced placement courses, international baccalaureate programs and early college programs. The bill also requires the secondary schools with 300 or fewer students to inform their resident students of the academic opportunity program and provides that the schools participating in an academic opportunity program are not responsible for providing transportation to participating students.

LD 1035 Resolve, To Streamline the Process by Which Schools Receive Fresh Leave to Withdraw
Fruit and Vegetables Pursuant to Joint
Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORALES V		

This resolve requires the Department of Education to assist elementary schools with the application process for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to ensure more fresh fruits and vegetables are available in eligible schools.

LD 1036 Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a HELD BY
Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System and Increased GOVERNOR
Crosswalks for Academic Credit between Secondary Schools and Career
and Technical Education Programs

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N HERBIG E	OTP-AM	H-506 S-311 LIBBY N

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System to examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive four-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of grade eight.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-506)

This amendment expands the membership of the task force to include a principal of a secondary school, a superintendent of a school administrative unit, an administrator at the University of Maine System and the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee and requires that the member from a community college be an administrator.

This amendment also expands the duties of the task force to require that the task force examine the advantages and disadvantages of a comprehensive four-year career and technical education high school, obstacles to implementation

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and other models of comprehensive four-year career and technical education high schools around the State and on a national level. The task force is also required to examine increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs.

This amendment also requires the task force to seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the task force. If sufficient funding is not received within 30 days after the effective date of the resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-311)

This amendment increases the membership of the task force from 14 to 16 members by adding one additional member of the House of Representatives and one additional member of the Senate and specifies that the House and Senate appointments must include a member from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, which conforms with Joint Rule 353.

LD 1043 An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KORNFIELD V MILLETT R	OTP-AM	H-256

This bill specifies that it is the goal of the State to ensure that public preschool programs for children four years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2020-2021 school year. In order to achieve that goal, this bill requires the Department of Education to develop recommendations and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 1, 2020. Recommendations must include:

1. Standards for public preschool programs;
2. A process for approval and certification of programs not operated by a school administrative unit, including, but not limited to, a Head Start program or other program affiliated with the school administrative unit; and
3. Funding for public preschool programs.

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to implement the recommendations in the report.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)

This amendment provides that it is the goal of the State to provide adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children four years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year and requires the Department of Education to include in its funding recommendations funding options to encourage more public preschool programs.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The substance of this bill, as amended, was included in LD 1001, which was enacted as Public Law 2019, chapter 343.