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STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES  
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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 Energy, Utilities and Technology*

Part D creates the Commission on a Just Transition to a Low-carbon Economy. The commission includes 13 members. The purpose of the commission is to ensure that the State's transition to a low-carbon economy benefits all residents fairly and equitably. The commission is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-413)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. This amendment:

- 1. Requires construction employers constructing grid scale generation facilities to hire certain percentages of apprentices to work on the construction beginning in 2021;
- 2. Requires that the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Education, identify and provide incentives for cost-effective electric and natural gas conservation projects in new school construction projects; and
- 3. Requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to establish, through a competitive solicitation process, a power purchase agreement for solar capacity to be installed on school property when a new school is being constructed.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-460)**

This amendment includes as a qualifying apprentice an apprentice who is in an apprenticeship program registered with the United States Department of Labor.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 347 requires:

- 1. Construction employers constructing grid scale generation facilities to hire certain percentages of apprentices to work on the construction beginning in 2021;
- 2. That the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Education, identify and provide incentives for cost-effective electric and natural gas conservation projects in new school construction projects; and
- 3. That the Efficiency Maine Trust establish, through a competitive solicitation process, a power purchase agreement for solar capacity to be installed on school property when a new school is being constructed.

**LD 1299**

**An Act To Incentivize Municipalities, State Agencies, Colleges and Universities To Use Electric Vehicles**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to develop a program to provide grants to municipalities, state agencies, colleges and universities to support the purchase of charging stations for electric vehicles and the purchase of electric vehicles.