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129TH 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 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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature 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 1343 An Act To Improve Health Education and Physical Education in Schools

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill requires instruction in elementary, junior high and secondary schools to include at least 1/2 hour per day of instruction in health education and one hour per day of instruction in physical education.

LD 1344 An Act To Improve Nutrition in Maine Schools

ONTP

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to codify in Maine law the provisions of the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

LD 1347 An Act To Promote High-quality After-school Programs in Public Schools

ONTP

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BEEBE-CENTER P	ONTP	
MILLETT R		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the provisions in law regarding high-quality after-school programs under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 318. Currently, funds to provide high-quality after-school programs are provided by the After-school Program Fund, which receives a substantial amount of funding from the Federal Government that may be terminated or no longer available in the coming years. This bill proposes to seek new funding for the After-school Program Fund and to increase the quality of the after-school programs, including requiring matching funds from the schools that receive the funds and to make grants from the fund competitive. An after-school program that is a recipient of funding from the fund must have as measurable outcomes for the students academic improvement, social emotional learning and family engagement. Criteria for competitive grants would seek to improve or raise the quality of after-school programs by giving preference to schools that would collaborate with and leverage existing community resources that have demonstrated effectiveness, engage in outreach to children and youth and involve local governments, including parks and recreation departments and other schools.

LD 1351 An Act To Allow for the Recovery and Redistribution of Food in Public Schools

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GUERIN S	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Education, by October 1, 2019, to collaborate to revise the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's health inspection program guidance titled "Food