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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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 1549**

**An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine**

**PUBLIC 394**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N	OTP-AM ONTP	S-216

This bill increases, from \$3,000 to \$9,000, the supplement paid to a teacher who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch during the year that the supplement is provided.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-216)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, increases from \$3,000 in the current law to \$5,000 the supplement paid to a teacher who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch during the year that the supplement is provided.

The amendment also directs the Department of Education to calculate the full funding for the national board certification salary supplement and the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 1, 2020. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 394 increases, from \$3,000 to \$5,000, the supplement paid to a teacher who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch during the year that the supplement is provided.

**LD 1566**

**Resolve, To Determine Ways To Increase the Number of Recipients under the Tuition Waiver Program for Participants in Foster Care**

**RESOLVE 56**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R STANLEY S	OTP-AM ONTP	S-138

This bill increases from 30 to 60 the number of tuition waivers for postsecondary education allowed to be granted each academic year to persons who, at the time of their graduation from high school or their successful completion of a general educational development examination, were in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services and resided in foster care or subsidized adoptive care or were minor wards of a subsidized permanency guardian. This bill also removes the requirements that the tuition waivers be apportioned to postsecondary institutions based upon the order in which the waivers are made available.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-138)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee to review the tuition waiver program for participants in foster care and to identify barriers to the program for dependent students who have been adopted and independent students who have not been adopted. The committee must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020 with recommendations and any suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th