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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..... 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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

services company to the powers and duties of a cooperative board of a career and technical education region, similar to the authority of a school administrative unit.

LD 1638 An Act To Provide for Gubernatorial Appointments to the Maine Charter School Commission

PUBLIC 406

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-171

This bill changes the appointing authority for four members of the Maine Charter School Commission from the State Board of Education to the Governor and increases the terms of those members from three years to four years.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-171)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that the Governor's appointments to the Maine Charter School Commission are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate. This amendment also removes the provision of the bill that ends the terms on the effective date of this legislation of members of the commission who are not members of the State Board of Education and instead provides that a member of the commission serving on the effective date of this legislation may continue to serve until that member's term has expired.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 406 changes the appointing authority for four members of the Maine Charter School Commission from the State Board of Education to the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate, and increases the terms of those members from three years to four years.

LD 1641 Resolve, To Examine Issues Relating to the School Transportation Workforce

RESOLVE 59

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E CUDDY S	OTP-AM	S-172

This bill allows public school bus drivers to collect unemployment benefits over the summer. It also creates a nonlapsing fund to award grants to school administrative units for training for school bus drivers between academic years.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, to comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to, determining the best strategies for hiring, training and retaining school transportation personnel. The department is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Each committee is authorized to report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 59 directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, to comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to,