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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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

25-year maximum bond term; a method for debt allocation, assessment and collection; and the rights of bondholders to enforce the payment of bonds to facilitate their sale.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-505)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 336 amends the law governing bonding authority of school management and leadership centers, which will be known as "education service centers." It provides the provisions necessary to implement existing statutory authority of school management and leadership centers to issue bonds for school construction. These provisions are comparable to existing law for school construction bonds issued by school administrative units or by career and technical education regions. The bonding provisions include a debt limit of 4% of state-adjusted valuation; a debt limit exclusion for state-subsidized debt; a 25-year maximum bond term; a method for debt allocation, assessment and collection; and the rights of bondholders to enforce the payment of bonds to facilitate their sale.

LD 1341, An Act to Provide Flexibility for Efficient and Effective Management of School Management and Leadership Centers, enacted pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 219, amended the name of school management and leadership centers to "education service centers."

### LD 1778 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Children's Cabinet and Its Advisory Councils

PUBLIC 450

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R FARNSWORTH D	OTP-AM ONTP	S-267

This bill does the following:

1. Amends certain provisions governing the Children's Cabinet;
2. Eliminates the Maine Children's Growth Council;
3. Eliminates the Child Care Advisory Council; and
4. Establishes the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to develop and evaluate under the direction of the Children's Cabinet a plan for the healthy development of the State's young children and their families.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-267)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, does the following:

1. Amends the membership of the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to include two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives, one from each of the two political parties having the greatest number of members in the House and Senate. It also requires that the member who is the parent of a young child be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the member representing child abuse and neglect prevention be appointed by the President of the Senate and adds two members who represent public and private family child care providers nominated by their organizations and appointed by the Children's Cabinet;
2. Requires the council to submit its annual report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and health and human services matters in addition to the Children's

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Cabinet;

3. Adds a member of the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Education Research Institute Steering Committee in place of the member of the Maine Children's Growth Council; and
4. Adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 450 does the following:

1. Amends certain provisions governing the Children's Cabinet.
2. Eliminates the Maine Children's Growth Council.
3. Eliminates the Child Care Advisory Council.
4. Establishes the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to develop and evaluate under the direction of the Children's Cabinet a plan for the healthy development of the State's young children and their families and requires the council to submit its annual report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and health and human services matters in addition to the Children's Cabinet.
5. Replaces the member of the Education Research Institute Steering Committee who was a member of the Maine Children's Growth Council with a member who is a member of the newly-established Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council.

**LD 1785      An Act To Amend Certain Education Laws**

**PUBLIC 398**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KORNFELD V	OTP-AM	H-583

This bill makes the following changes to the education laws.

1. It repeals a provision of law relating to a central information system on resources for people with disabilities.
2. It repeals a provision of law relating to hazardous chemicals in schools.
3. It repeals provisions of law relating to school construction projects approved by the State Board of Education prior to July 1, 1977.
4. It replaces the term "limited English proficiency student" with the term "English learner."
5. It repeals a provision of law relating to Alcohol Awareness Day.
6. It authorizes a school board to provide school nurse services through an agreement with an individual registered professional nurse.
7. It repeals provisions of law relating to the Department of Education activities relating to school substance use disorder services and performance-enhancing substances and the Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund.