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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

school and extracurricular instruction, student and staff support, system administration, school administration, transportation and buses, facilities maintenance, debt service and other commitments and other expenditures, including school lunch.

The amendment also adds that, in order to expend funds by a vote of the boards or committees of school administrative districts, regional school units, community school districts and career and technical education regions, the respective boards and committees must provide public notice of the meeting at which the vote to expend funds from the reserve fund will be taken and hold a public hearing prior to the vote to expend funds from the reserve fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 588 allows boards of school administrative districts, regional school units, community school districts and career and technical education regions to expend reserve funds by a vote of the board for emergencies necessitating immediate expenditures when obtaining voter permission would be cost-prohibitive or when the expenditures are required by law.

It also provides that a reserve fund may be established for the following:

1. Funding school construction projects, financing the acquisition or reconstruction of a specific type of capital improvement or financing the acquisition of a specific item or type of capital equipment; and
2. Funding for expenditures such as regular instruction, special education, career and technical education, other instruction including summer school and extracurricular instruction, student and staff support, system administration, school administration, transportation and buses, facilities maintenance, debt service and other commitments and other expenditures, including school lunch.

The amendment also adds that, in order to expend funds by a vote of the boards or committees of school administrative districts, regional school units, community school districts and career and technical education regions, the respective boards and committees must provide public notice of the meeting at which the vote to expend funds from the reserve fund will be taken and hold a public hearing prior to the vote to expend funds from the reserve fund.

LD 1947

An Act To Fund Capital Improvements to Career and Technical Education Centers

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill authorizes the issuance and use of up to \$20,000,000 in Maine Governmental Facilities Authority securities for capital improvements to career and technical education centers and regions.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.