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STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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 1999 An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIGE	OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This bill amends the Maine Education Savings Program by making permissive rather than mandatory the investment of fund dollars by the Finance Authority of Maine in state-based financial institutions.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-430)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, retains the change from mandatory to permissive the investment of fund dollars by the Finance Authority of Maine in state-based financial institutions.

This amendment also amends certain provisions of the law in order to conform elements of the Maine Education Savings Program to recent changes to federal law affecting so-called Section 529 programs. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-431)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the change from mandatory to permissive the investment of fund dollars by the Finance Authority of Maine in state-based financial institutions.

This amendment only amends certain provisions of the law in order to conform elements of the Maine Education Savings Program to recent changes to federal law affecting so-called Section 529 programs. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

This bill was carried over in the House to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order S.P. 788.

**LD 2014 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Grant Program**

**PUBLIC 654  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM	H-737

This bill allows an adult learner benefiting from a grant under the Maine State Grant Program to receive up to 12 semesters' worth of grant funding.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-737)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 654 provides that an adult learner benefiting from a grant under the Maine State Grant Program may receive up to 12 semesters' worth of grant funding.

Public Law 2019, chapter 654 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.