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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

LD 2016 An Act Regarding School Discipline for Maine's Youngest Students

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORALES V MILLETT R	ONTP	

This bill provides that a student code of conduct may not prescribe suspension, expulsion or the withholding of recess as a consequence of a violation of the student code of conduct by any student enrolled in grade 5 or below except as provided under the federal Gun-Free Schools Act. The bill also provides that any student enrolled in grade 6 or above who is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals is entitled to representation at state expense during an expulsion proceeding.

LD 2020 An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

PUBLIC 655

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E CUDDY S	OTP-AM	S-439

This bill amends the provision of law terminating the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to provide that the school is terminated 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. It also removes references to residential students and amends reporting requirements for the school by incorporating reporting requirements similar to those of charter schools.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-439)

This amendment changes the date the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering is terminated from 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature as proposed in the bill to 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The amendment also requires the board of trustees of the school to include in the board's annual report for the 2019-2020 academic year a plan for the school's future based on the board's exploration of practicable organizational structures for the school.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 655 amends the provision of law terminating the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to provide that the school is terminated 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The law removes references to residential students and amends reporting requirements for the school by incorporating reporting requirements similar to those of charter schools.

The law also requires the board of trustees of the school to include in the board's annual report for the 2019-2020 academic year a plan for the school's future based on the board's exploration of practicable organizational structures for the school.