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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Labor

LD 757 An Act To Improve the Ability of Superintendents To Act in the Best Interests of Students ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The purpose of this bill is to provide consistency in the process of reaching superintendents' agreements and to eliminate the process whereby employment contracts can override local superintendents' decisions.

LD 763 An Act To Allow Early Retirement for Captains in the Maine State Ferry Service ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE DAMON	ONTP	

This bill allows captains in the Maine State Ferry Service to qualify for service retirement benefits after 20 years of creditable service for the Maine State Ferry Service.

**LD 776 An Act To Establish the Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008 P & S 9
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-100

The Maine State Retirement System is required by statute to present its annual operating budget to the Legislature for approval. This bill for fiscal year 2008 is the system's 14th annual budget. The bill identifies the system's personal services costs and its costs for other operating expenses for fiscal year 2008. For information purposes, the bill presents the attribution of expenses to the system's 2 employer categories: the State of Maine and Participating Local Districts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, Chapter 9, requires the Maine State Retirement System to present its annual operating budget to the Legislature for approval. This bill for fiscal year 2008 is the system's 14th annual budget. The bill identifies the system's personal services costs and its costs for other operating expenses for fiscal year 2008. For information purposes, the bill presents the attribution of expenses to the system's 2 employer categories: the State of Maine and Participating Local Districts.

Private and Special Law 2007, Chapter 9, was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2007.