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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* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th 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. 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 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 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

LD 118 **An Act To Protect Private Enterprise from Tax-subsidized Competition
by Imposing Requirements on Certain Postsecondary Institutions** **ONTP**

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

This bill requires that a state-supported postsecondary institution obtain the same licenses, certificates and registrations required of a private corporation or business that does not receive state financial assistance if the postsecondary institution competes with a private corporation or business that does not receive state financial assistance and obtain a seller's registration certificate.

LD 129 **An Act To Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for
Speech-language Pathologists** **PUBLIC 49**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL	OTP-AM	H-68

This bill requires the State Board of Education to accept a speech-language pathologist licensed by the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting as meeting the education and professional requirements to work in schools as a speech and language clinician. It directs the State Board of Education to revise its rules establishing eligibility requirements for speech and language clinicians accordingly.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)

This amendment provides that a person holding a valid license as a speech-language pathologist by the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting is not required to receive certification from the Department of Education in order to provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or an approved private school. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that amended the exception to licensure for individuals holding a valid certificate from the Department of Education. It also directs the State Board of Education to revise its rules regarding the approval process of education personnel to include speech-language pathologists that provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or approved private school and designates these rules as routine technical rules.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 49 provides that a person holding a valid license as a speech-language pathologist by the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting is not required to receive certification from the Department of Education in order to provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or an approved private school. The law directs the State Board of Education to revise its rules regarding the approval process of education personnel to include speech-language pathologists that provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or approved private school and designates these rules as routine technical rules.