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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 Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 209 Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group To Review the Maine State Grant Program

RESOLVE 14

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	OTP-AM	S-10

This resolve authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to coordinate a review of the Maine State Grant Program that includes the participation of a stakeholder group of higher education policy makers, agencies, institutions, students and financial aid administrators in the State and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 1, 2011.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)

This amendment clarifies that the member of the stakeholder group established by the resolve invited to represent Maine's private higher education institutions represents private, nonprofit higher education institutions. The amendment strikes the provision inviting a Legislator serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the 125th Legislature. The amendment also provides that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the recommendations on matters relating to the stakeholder group's review of the Maine State Grant Program.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 14 authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to coordinate a review of the Maine State Grant Program that includes the participation of a stakeholder group of higher education policy makers, agencies, institutions, students and financial aid administrators in the State and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 1, 2011. The resolve also provides that the joint standing committee may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the recommendations on matters relating to the stakeholder group's review of the Maine State Grant Program.

LD 232 Resolve, To Change the Name of the Northern Penobscot Technical Center

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Education to rename the Northern Penobscot Technical Center the Northern Penobscot Vocational Center.