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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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. 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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

PART GGGGG establishes the Task Force on Adult Learners and requires it to develop a multisector statewide strategic plan to increase postsecondary degree completion rates among such nontraditional students. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART HHHHH requires the director of the office within the Department of Education concerned with adult education and family literacy to convene the Working Group on Adult Workforce Readiness to develop a statewide plan to address the work readiness needs of unemployed adults, incumbent workers and employers. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART IIIII requires Jobs for Maine's Graduates to provide capacity, curriculum and professional development to assist up to 30 high schools, depending on available funding. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART JJJJJ establishes the Maine Incumbent Worker Training Program as a pilot project within the Maine Community College System. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART KKKKK expands InternHelpME.com, a statewide internship-matching program established by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART LLLLL makes additional supplemental appropriations and allocations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

PART MMMMM provides for an additional \$3,000,000 to be transferred from the General Fund for distribution to the milk producers in fiscal year 2012-113.

PART NNNNN reduces funding for the Maine Apprenticeship Program. This Part is a result of House Amendment “P” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-499). The funding reduction offset an inadvertent overfunding as a result of incorporating LD 90 into the Biennial Budget.

PART OOOOO continues until August 1, 2013 all limited period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June 2013. This Part is a result of House Amendment “P” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-499).

Public Law 2013, chapter 368 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2013.

**LD 1514**

**An Act To Reform the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill as emergency legislation proposes to amend the retirement provisions for state employees and teachers participating in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in the following ways.

