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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 Education and Cultural Affairs

**LD 221 Resolve, Requiring the Maine Community College System To Return
Real Property and Buildings to the City of Eastport**

RESOLVE 116

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORTON	OTP-AM	H-54 S-110 RAYE

This resolve requires the Maine Community College System to return to the City of Eastport certain real property and buildings located in, and formerly owned by, the City of Eastport.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-110)

This amendment prohibits the City of Eastport from transferring ownership of the property conveyed to it pursuant to this legislation without the consent of the Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 116 requires the Maine Community College System to return to the City of Eastport certain real property and buildings located in, and formerly owned by, the City of Eastport. This resolve prohibits the City of Eastport from transferring ownership of the property conveyed to it pursuant to this legislation without the consent of the Legislature.

LD 222 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of School Crisis Response Plans

PUBLIC 408

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMPSON HOBBINS	OTP-AM	H-415

LD 222 makes the approval of a crisis response plan by a school board public information but makes the contents of the plan confidential and not available to the public.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-415)

This amendment specifies additional groups to participate in the development of a comprehensive emergency management plan. It requires that certain information pertaining to a school's comprehensive emergency management plan be public information. Other elements of the plan that could jeopardize safety are protected from disclosure.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 408 expands the interested parties involved in the development of a school's comprehensive emergency management plan. The approval of the plan and certain information pertaining to the plan are designated as public information while information that could jeopardize safety are protected from disclosure.