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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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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 844

An Act To Change the Name of the Division of Labor Market Information Services to the Center for Workforce Research and Information

PUBLIC 126

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR DIAMOND	OTP	

This bill changes the name of the Department of Labor's Division of Labor Market Information Services to the Center for Workforce Research and Information.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, Chapter 126 changes the name of the Department of Labor's Division of Labor Market Information Services to the Center for Workforce Research and Information.

LD 845

An Act To Tie the Percentage of Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Teachers to That of Retired Legislators

ONTP

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

This bill provides that the percentage of a retired teacher's share of the premiums for the teachers' group accident and sickness and health insurance plan paid by the State may not be less than the percentage of the share of premiums of a retired Legislator with 10 or more years of participation in the standard group health insurance plan paid by the State.

LD 869

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Retirement System To Recalculate the Retirement Benefits of D'Lila Terracin

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill directs the Maine State Retirement System to retroactively recalculate the retirement benefits of D'Lila Terracin to allow her to receive 2 years of disability payments between 58 and 60 years of age and to calculate her Maine State Retirement System retirement benefits at 60 years of age to enable her to avoid early retirement penalties. This bill is carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 870

An Act To Enhance Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAIRCLOTH	OTP-AM	H-137

This bill provides funding to Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children for two additional teacher positions and increased salaries, which should result in a decrease in the number of blind and visually impaired