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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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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:

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| 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

levels;

2. Delete the standards and performance indicators for the prekindergarten to grade 2 grade span in all of the content areas addressed in the rule; and
3. Revise the standards in the English language arts and the science and technology content areas to improve the clarity of these content standards and performance indicators.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 71 provides that final adoption of the provisionally adopted major substantive rule is authorized contingent upon the Department of Education amending the provisionally adopted rule to:

1. Delete the references in the addendum section of the rule to the standards and performance indicators established in 1997 for the content areas of mathematics, reading and science and technology for the secondary school grade levels;
2. Delete the standards and performance indicators for the prekindergarten to grade 2 grade span in all of the content areas addressed in the rule; and
3. Revise the standards in the English language arts and the science and technology content areas to improve the clarity of these content standards and performance indicators.

Resolve 2007, chapter 71 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2007.

LD 1831

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel Part I and II, Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

**RESOLVE 43
EMERGENCY**

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel Part I and II, Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 43 provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel Part I and II, Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, the provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, is authorized.

Resolve 2007, chapter 43 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2007.

LD 1839

An Act To Further the Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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