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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> 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 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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*

State Board of Education rules but only if certain changes are made. It requires a revision to the definition of "One Campus" and to elements of Section 15 that outline the criteria with which projects are rated. It requires that each of the 4 educational components, the regional high school, the career and technical high school, the higher education center and the industry training center, have a physical presence on the campus. It precludes any one component from offering only distance learning opportunities on campus. It declares the emergency rule authorized and adopted under Resolve 2007, chapter 223 to be invalid.

Resolve 2009, chapter 142 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2009.

**LD 92**

**An Act Pertaining to the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund**

**PUBLIC 22  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY MILLS P	OTP	

This bill repeals Public Law 2007, chapter 683, Part B, section 3, which directed the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the annual maximum disbursement amount of quality child care education scholarships established in Chapter 613 of the authority's rules. Without additional funding, the increase in the amount of scholarships would result in fewer scholarships being awarded.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 22 repeals the directive to the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the annual maximum disbursement amount of quality child care education scholarships from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Without additional funding, the increase in the amount of scholarships would result in fewer scholarships being awarded.

Public Law 2009, chapter 22 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2009.

**LD 95**

**An Act To Eliminate Penalties for Nonconforming School Administrative Units**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDGECOMB	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill amends the laws governing school administrative unit reorganization to eliminate the penalties set forth for nonconforming school administrative units.

**LD 96**

**An Act To Authorize the Implementation of Modified School Year Calendars**

**ONTP**

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