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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th 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 Second Regular Session of the 124th 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 HOUSES</i>	<i>House & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1022

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Legislative Youth Advisory Council

**PUBLIC 623
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY J	OTP-AM	S-357

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. It amends the laws governing the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

1. It expands the duties of the council to include establishing a communication network with other youth groups in the State, facilitating methods of receiving input from youth from geographically diverse areas of the State and developing criteria to be considered when recommending future members for appointment.
2. It directs the appointing authorities to give special consideration to youth who have already served on the council when making appointments and directs the appointing authorities to fill vacancies as soon as practicable.
3. It directs the council to include in its rules of procedure an attendance policy that authorizes revocation of membership for lack of attendance.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-357)

This amendment replaces the bill. It repeals the existing statute relating to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and replaces it with new language that reduces the cost of the council by reducing the number of times it may meet, providing greater flexibility with respect to where and how it holds and conducts its meetings and encouraging the participation of the youth members in the legislative process through such activities as shadowing legislative members during the session, attending public hearings and work sessions and testifying before legislative committees on matters pertaining to youth. The amendment states that no additional funds may be appropriated or allocated to the council and that all activities of the council during fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 must be funded from the approximately \$4,000 budgeted by the Legislative Council in the current biennium. It also specifies that legislative and youth members appointed by the presiding officers of the 124th Legislature remain as members until the convening of the 125th Legislature. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 623 repeals the statute relating to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and replaces it with new language that reduces the number of times the council may meet, provides greater flexibility with respect to where and how it holds and conducts its meetings and encourages the participation of the youth members in the legislative process through such activities as shadowing legislative members during the session, attending public hearings and work sessions and testifying before legislative committees on matters pertaining to youth.

Public Law 2009, chapter 623 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2010.