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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

\$225,000,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 401 extends the termination date for the Maine Educational Loan Authority's authority to create or establish capital reserve funds to June 30, 2017. The law also decreases the limit on the principal amount for certain types of bonds issued by the Maine Educational Loan Authority to \$225,000,000.

Public Law 2011, chapter 401 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2011.

LD 77

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Create a Resource Guide to Maine History Developed in Cooperation with Franco-American Specialists

RESOLVE 17

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	OTP-AM	H-23

This bill amends the law governing instruction in American history in schools to require the inclusion of Franco-American history and the study of the influence of French intellectual thought on American history.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Education to create a resource guide to Maine history in cooperation with Franco-American specialists. The department shall periodically update the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs of the 125th Legislature on the number of hours dedicated by the department to the creation of the resource guide and supply the committee with a copy of the final resource guide.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 17 directs the Department of Education to create a resource guide to Maine history in cooperation with Franco-American specialists. The department shall periodically update the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs of the 125th Legislature on the number of hours dedicated by the department to the creation of the resource guide and supply the committee with a copy of the final resource guide.

LD 93

An Act To Improve Essential Programs and Services Funding for Education

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to amend the essential programs and services funding and distribution formula and process to improve the equity and adequacy of general purpose aid to education.