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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

LD 171

An Act To Exempt School Administrative District No. 24 and School Administrative District No. 32 from the Laws Requiring School Administrative Unit Consolidation

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill exempts School Administrative District No. 24 and School Administrative District No. 32 from the requirements for reorganization into larger regional school units or alternative organizational structures. The Commissioner of Education is required to treat School Administrative District No. 24 and School Administrative District No. 32 in a manner similar to the treatment of coastal islands.

LD 184

An Act To Promote the Financial Literacy of High School Students

PUBLIC 154

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN ALFOND	OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C	H-206

This bill requires the Department of Education to develop and distribute a course on personal finance for use by secondary schools in the State to help students attain financial literacy. The course must include instruction in purchasing, using credit, budgeting, saving and investing, banking, simple contracts, state and federal income taxes, personal insurance policies and renting or purchasing a home. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all secondary schools must include the personal finance course as part of the mathematics instruction required to obtain a high school diploma.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment replaces the bill and requires the Commissioner of Education to develop a program of technical assistance that promotes an integrated model for instruction in personal finance to help secondary school students attain financial literacy. The amendment requires the commissioner to submit an annual report to school boards and superintendents that includes strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools. The amendment also requires the annual report to be provided to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and posted on the Department of Education's publicly accessible website.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 154 requires the Commissioner of Education to develop a program of technical assistance that promotes an integrated model for instruction in personal finance to help secondary school students attain financial literacy. The law requires the commissioner to submit an annual report to school boards and superintendents that includes strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools. The law also requires the annual report to be provided to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and posted on the Department of Education's publicly accessible website.