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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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*

including professional development and training for instruction in digital literacy and the establishment of a clearinghouse for information on the use of online learning resources that may be made available to all schools, including those schools that participate in the learning through technology program that provides one-to-one wireless computers for seventh grade, eighth grade and high school students and educators. The law establishes the Digital Literacy Fund, to be administered by the Department of Education. Any private or public funds appropriated, allocated or dedicated to the fund may be used to pay for the development of a program of technical assistance. The law also authorizes the Commissioner of Education to expend funds allocated to the learning through technology program for the costs of providing the program of technical assistance.

**LD 579      Resolve, To Study the Creation of a School of Hospitality and Hotel Management within the University of Maine System**

**RESOLVE 53  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ	OTP-AM	S-70

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The resolve proposes to have the University of Maine System study the creation of a degree program for hospitality and hotel management within the university system.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)**

This amendment replaces the concept draft with a resolve that directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to establish a stakeholder group to explore the creation of a baccalaureate degree program for hospitality and hotel management within the system. The amendment also provides that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall present a report, including its conclusions and any recommendations resulting from the review, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 31, 2012, which may introduce a bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 53 directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to establish a stakeholder group to explore the creation of a baccalaureate degree program for hospitality and hotel management within the system. The resolve also provides that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall present a report, including its conclusions and any recommendations resulting from the review, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 31, 2012. The joint standing committee may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature related to the report.

Resolve 2011, chapter 53 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 31, 2011.

**LD 598      An Act To Provide Assistance to Economically Disadvantaged Students**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides an adjustment for a school administrative unit that is a minimum subsidy receiver if its percentage of economically disadvantaged students is greater than the state average.

While this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2011, chapter 419 (LD 1274) includes the initiative proposed in this bill.