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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
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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 Second 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.

<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; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation 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>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 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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

This amendment strikes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that establish the Integrated Manufacturing Program Fund and eliminates the provision of \$820,000 in one-time funds to the Maine Community College System in fiscal year 2012-13. As amended, the bill still includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$257,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 for York County Community College to respond to the demand for skilled workers in the precision machining industry.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 667 provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$257,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 for York County Community College to respond to the demand for skilled workers in the precision machining industry.

LD 675

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study Multidistrict Online Learning Options in Maine

RESOLVE 116

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	OTP-AM	S-375

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The bill allows nonresident students to enroll in a school administrative unit's online learning program, with the school administrative unit of residence for that student to pay the enrolling school administrative unit the student's tuition for the program. The bill also directs the Department of Education to create a stakeholder group to study the opportunities in and challenges of creating one online learning program for the State and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 4, 2012.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-375)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to create a resolve that directs the Department of Education to create a working group to study the opportunities in and challenges of establishing multidistrict online learning options for students in the State and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 4, 2013. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs is authorized to submit a bill to the 126th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 116 directs the Department of Education to create a working group to study the opportunities in and challenges of establishing multidistrict online learning options for students in the State and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 4, 2013. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the 126th Legislature.

LD 958

Resolve, To Authorize the Legislature To Contract for an Independent Review To Evaluate the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act

**RESOLVE 166
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON P THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-920

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The resolve directs the Department of Education to have an independent agency not previously involved with the essential programs and