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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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***

**LD 803**      **An Act To Allow the Town of Dayton To Opt Out of Its Regional School Unit Agreement**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill allows the Town of Dayton to withdraw from Regional School Unit No. 23 without penalty upon a favorable vote of the residents of the Town of Dayton. If the vote required by this bill is favorable to withdraw, this bill allows the school department in the Town of Dayton to form an alternative organizational structure.

**LD 813**      **An Act To Require Every School Administrative Unit To Have a Food Service Director**      **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires all school administrative units to hire a professional food service director. The bill allows school administrative units to join in cooperative agreements to hire such directors.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-388)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It changes the requirement in the bill that a school board hire a professional food service director meeting certain qualifications to a requirement that a school board designate a person to serve as the food service director by August 1, 2012. It directs the Commissioner of Education to use existing rulemaking authority to establish qualifications for a food service director. It directs the Department of Education to facilitate the sharing of information among food service directors and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on these efforts. The minority report was not adopted.

**LD 817**      **An Act To Stabilize Short-term Funding of Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education**      **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the annual targets for the state share percentage of the statewide adjusted total cost of the components of essential programs and services.