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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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-490)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that a student enrolled in an equivalent instruction program in a private school that enrolls fewer than 30 students is eligible to participate in public school cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities when the private school is not a member of the Interscholastic Division of the Maine Principals' Association, a statewide association that promotes, organizes and regulates statewide interscholastic activities in both public and private schools.

This amendment is a Committee of Conference report and incorporates the substance of Committee Amendment "A," Senate Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "B." The amendment provides that a student enrolled in an equivalent instruction program in a private school is eligible to participate in public school cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities when the private school is not a member of the Interscholastic Division of the Maine Principals' Association, a statewide association that promotes, organizes and regulates statewide interscholastic activities in both public and private schools.

This amendment also allows the principal of a school to withhold approval of participation of a student in cocurricular, extracurricular or interscholastic activities.

This amendment also strikes the restriction that allows only students of private schools that enroll fewer than 30 students to be eligible to participate in public school cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 456 provides that a student enrolled in an equivalent instruction program in a private school is eligible to participate in public school cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities when the private school is not a member of the Interscholastic Division of the Maine Principals' Association, a statewide association that promotes, organizes and regulates statewide interscholastic activities in both public and private schools. The law also allows the principal of a school to withhold approval of participation of a student in cocurricular, extracurricular or interscholastic activities.

LD 911

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Establish the Great Works School Campus

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This resolve directs the Maine Community College System to establish the Great Works School in Sanford as a campus of the Maine Community College System.

LD 929

Resolve, To Establish a Study Group To Review the Teacher Certification Process

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN ALFOND	ONTP	