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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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*

C. The number of children who received direct services in the prior year who received all of the services in their individualized family service plan or individualized education program and the number of children who received direct services in the prior year who received less than 90% of the services in their individualized family service plan or individualized education program.

3. It provides that the statistics and analysis on the performance of the Child Development Services System submitted to the Legislature must also include the average age, both in aggregate and by primary disability type, at which children who were born in Maine began receiving services from the Child Development Services System and the average age, both in aggregate and by primary disability type, at which children who were born in Maine and who were delivered at home began receiving services from the Child Development Services System.

4. It provides that the annual report on the performance of the Child Development Services System submitted to the Legislature must also include a report by each regional site that demonstrates the trends of the Child Development Services System employee costs and the results of efforts undertaken by the Child Development Services System to coordinate with other entities and maximize the use of a broad base of community resources, including private providers and public schools, midwives, resources from other agencies and other resources serving families and children from birth to under 6 years of age.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-238)**

This amendment delays until January 1, 2015 when certain information must be included in the report on the performance of the Child Development Services System submitted to the Legislature. The amendment also removes the appropriations and allocations section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 338 implements recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee stemming from the report on child development services issued by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in July 2012. The law requires improved reporting to the Legislature on key financial and performance aspects of the Child Development Services System and the programs it administers, in order to enhance transparency, accountability and legislative oversight. The law provides that the director of early childhood special education must provide an annual report on the performance of the Child Development Services System to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, appropriations and financial affairs, and health and human services matters.

**LD 56**

**An Act To Ensure Equity in School Costs Borne by Municipalities within Consolidated School Units**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

BEAVERS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to amend the funding distribution method required under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act to ensure parity and taxpayer equity among towns that are members of consolidated school units.