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126<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* 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*

**LD 61**

**An Act To Amend Standards for Participation in Certain Public School Services by Students Who Are Homeschooled**

**PUBLIC 400**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING BURNS	OTP-AM	H-30

This bill provides that a student receiving homeschool instruction is eligible for a state tuition subsidy for certain postsecondary courses as long as the criteria for participation are met. The bill also provides that a student receiving homeschool instruction is eligible for special education services in the same manner that students enrolled in a private school are eligible for these services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)**

This amendment strikes the mandate preamble and the provision in the bill that requires that a school administrative unit provide the same special education services to a student receiving home instruction as are provided to a student enrolled in private school.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 400 provides that a student receiving homeschool instruction is eligible for a state tuition subsidy for certain postsecondary courses as long as the criteria for participation are met.

**LD 91**

**An Act To Raise the School Construction Bond Cap**

**PUBLIC 44**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON A GOODALL	OTP-AM	H-5

This bill increases the major capital maximum debt service limit for school construction projects for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to \$126,000,000.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 44 increases the major capital maximum debt service limit for school construction projects for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to \$126,000,000.

**LD 92**

**An Act Relating to Private School Student Participation in Public School Cocurricular, Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities**

**PUBLIC 428**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER MASON G	OTP-AM	H-53 S-332 HILL

This bill changes the standards for making public school resources and services available to students enrolled in certain equivalent instruction programs by eliminating the requirement that resources and services be made available to students in a private school recognized by the Department of Education as providing equivalent