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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 126th 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 126th 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

This bill changes the Educators for Maine Program by including certain participants in the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program as eligible for loan forgiveness.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 7 changes the Educators for Maine Program by including certain participants in the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program as eligible for loan forgiveness.

LD 113 An Act To Make Changes to the Maine College Savings Program PUBLIC 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD W MILLETT	OTP	

This bill makes changes to the Maine College Savings Program, also known as NextGen or the NextGen College Investing Plan, by adding financial education to the list of permissible program fund uses.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 4 makes changes to the Maine College Savings Program, also known as NextGen or the NextGen College Investing Plan, by adding financial education to the list of permissible program fund uses.

LD 130 An Act To Stabilize Education Funding by Reducing the Impact of Changes in Property Valuation PUBLIC 203

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT MALABY	OTP-AM	S-128

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to stabilize state funding for education by requiring the property fiscal capacity component of the essential programs and services funding formula to be based on a rolling 5-year average of the property values of a municipality included in a school administrative unit.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment stabilizes state funding for education by requiring the property fiscal capacity component of the essential programs and services funding formula to be based on a 2-year average of the property values of the municipalities included in a school administrative unit in fiscal year 2014-15 and to be based on a 3-year average of the property values of the municipalities included in a school administrative unit in fiscal year 2015-16 and each succeeding fiscal year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 203 stabilizes state funding for education by requiring the property fiscal capacity component of the essential programs and services funding formula to be based on a 2-year average of the property values of the municipalities included in a school administrative unit in fiscal year 2014-15 and to be based on a 3-year average of the property values of the municipalities included in a school administrative unit in fiscal year 2015-16 and each succeeding fiscal year.