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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*

designation.

It also requires the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum to consult with representatives of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs with regard to the adequate and appropriate curation of Native American artifacts recovered from protected sites, as defined in the bill.

**LD 178      Resolve, To Provide Consistency in Rules of the Department of Education Regarding Visual and Performing Arts Requirements for High School Graduation**

**RESOLVE 38**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NELSON MILLETT	OTP-AM	H-156

This resolve requires the Department of Education to amend its rules relating to high school graduation requirements to permit the visual and performing arts requirement to be met by completion of a credit in dance, music, theater or visual arts. This change is intended to resolve confusion resulting from different descriptions of the standard for visual and performing arts requirements in the rules of the department.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-156)**

This amendment adds forensics to the list of courses that the Department of Education must include in the amendments to its rules relating to courses that may fulfill high school graduation requirements in the area of visual and performing arts.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 38 requires the Department of Education to amend its rules relating to high school graduation requirements to permit the visual and performing arts requirement to be met by completion of a credit in dance, music, theater, forensics or visual arts. The resolve directs the department to determine the extent to which graduation requirements in the area of visual and performing arts may be met by the study of forensics, which may include, but is not limited to, the separate or integrated study of the art of public speaking, the art of formal debate and the interpretive performance of literature as they relate to the area of visual and performing arts.

**LD 193      An Act To Authorize InterCoast Career Institute To Grant the Degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science**

**P & S 14**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHASE COLLINS	OTP	

This bill authorizes InterCoast Colleges to grant the degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, Chapter 14 authorizes InterCoast Colleges to grant the degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science.