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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

opportunities and practices will then be posted on the Department of Education's website so that all schools may access them and benefit from them.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)

This amendment replaces the resolve, which is a concept draft, with a resolve to convene a working group to identify opportunities for providing applied learning pathways for students enrolled in kindergarten to grade 8 in public schools in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 22 establishes a working group to identify opportunities for providing applied learning pathways for students enrolled in kindergarten to grade 8 in public schools in the State.

LD 383 An Act To Increase Public Awareness Regarding School Budget Elections

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill changes the form of the question required in a budget validation referendum for a regional school unit to include the total dollar amount of the school budget and the percentage increase or decrease in the school budget compared to the budget in the previous year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-253)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, strikes and replaces the bill to require that the information provided by a regional school unit board, which must be posted at polling places during a budget validation referendum vote, must include a statement that includes the total dollar amount of authorized expenditures in the budget for the upcoming school year and the amount of the percentage increase or decrease of the total authorized expenditures as compared to the total authorized expenditures in the budget approved and validated in the previous school year.

LD 384 An Act To Allow Spouses and Children of Veterans Killed in the Line of Duty To Receive the State Tuition Waiver

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VILLA VALENTINO	ONTP	

This bill provides tuition waivers to state postsecondary educational institutions for spouses and children of members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed or injured while on duty. This tuition waiver is currently available for spouses and children of firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical services persons who have been killed or injured while on duty.