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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 669**      **An Act Requiring School Administrative Units To Adopt School Volunteer Policies**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAULIEU LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill requires each school board to adopt and implement by the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year policies governing the screening and assignment of school volunteers. The policies must be consistent with model policies developed by the Commissioner of Education. The model policies must be developed no later than July 1, 2014 by the commissioner in consultation with state and local law enforcement officials, school boards and appropriate school personnel.

**LD 670**      **Resolve, To Encourage the Use of Career Interest and Aptitude Tests in Higher Education**      **VETO SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND CUSHING	OTP-AM	H-244

This bill requires the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to allow a student to receive priority in course registration if the student takes and submits prior to course registration, in accordance with procedures approved by the respective system, a career interest test.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-244)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Education Coordinating Committee to review options that would allow a student enrolled in a postsecondary education program at the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System or the Maine Maritime Academy to receive priority in course registration if the student takes and submits a career interest test prior to course registration, in accordance with procedures approved by the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System or the Maine Maritime Academy.

**LD 671**      **An Act To Protect Charter Schools by Requiring Them To Be Operated as Nonprofit Organizations**      **VETO SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY MILLETT	OTP-AM ONTP	H-245

This bill requires that public charter schools and virtual public charter schools established in this State be operated as nonprofit organizations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-245)**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The bill requires that public charter schools and virtual public charter schools established in this State be operated as nonprofit organizations. The amendment retains these provisions and revises the definition of "education service provider" to provide that an education service provider must be a nonprofit, nonreligious organization.