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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

LD 672

An Act Relating to Exemption from Immunization for Schoolchildren

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill requires that a school health care provider provide to the parent of a child excepted from the immunization requirements for schoolchildren in the State information about the benefits and risks of immunization and sign a statement that the information has been provided to the parent.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-400)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, clarifies that a school health advisor or a designee of a school health advisor must provide to the parent of a child excepted from the State's immunization requirements for schoolchildren information consisting of vaccine information statements prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the benefits and risks of immunization and sign a statement that the information has been provided to the parent. It requires the Commissioner of Education to establish procedures to reimburse school administrative units for 90% of the cost of assembling vaccine information statements and sending them to parents of children excepted from the immunization requirements. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 673

Resolve, To Increase Awareness of Food Allergies in Public Schools

RESOLVE 42

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| TREAT JOHNSON C | OTP-AM | H-158 |

This bill requires a school superintendent who receives documentation that a student has a food allergy to send a food allergy awareness information sheet to all parents of students at the school asking them not to bring or send with their students that type of food to school and a brochure to the parent of the allergic student containing information to educate the parent on coping with food allergies at schools.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-158)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Education to seek to increase awareness of the seriousness of student food allergies, the resources that are available to help schools identify, address and respond to student food allergies, including training for teachers, best practices and the applicable laws.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 42 directs the Department of Education to seek to increase awareness of the seriousness of student food allergies, the resources that are available to help schools identify, address and respond to student food allergies, including training for teachers, best practices and the applicable laws.