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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 792 **An Act To Ensure That Essential Programs and Services Targeted Funding Follows the Secondary Student** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill provides that a school administrative unit sending a secondary school student to another public school or a private school must pay to the receiving school, in addition to tuition, per-pupil amounts for cocurricular and extracurricular activities and targeted funds for implementation of a standards-based system and technology resources.

LD 821 **An Act To Allocate the Balance of Funds Not Expended by the Task Force on Franco-Americans** **P & S 8
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT THIBODEAU	OTP-AM	H-50

This bill authorizes the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to retain \$300 in the Task Force on Franco-Americans funding account and expend those funds to offset the costs associated with the Legislature's Franco-American Day.

This bill requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to pay \$1,110.50 to the Franco-American Center at the University of Maine, which represents the balance of funds contributed by outside sources to support the work of the Task Force on Franco-Americans, but not expended by the task force, no later than November 1, 2013.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 8 authorizes the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to retain \$300 in the Task Force on Franco-Americans funding account and expend those funds to offset the costs associated with the Legislature's Franco-American Day. It requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to pay \$1,110.50 to the Franco-American Center at the University of Maine, which represents the balance of funds contributed by outside sources to support the work of the Task Force on Franco-Americans, but not expended by the task force, no later than November 1, 2013.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 14, 2013.

LD 822 **An Act To Establish Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month** **PUBLIC 103**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NELSON MILLETT	OTP-AM	H-87

This bill establishes a special week each year in which schools are encouraged to invite Legislators to visit to promote increased knowledge among students of the legislative process and to improve citizen interest and