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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.

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participation in the legislative process.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to clarify the intent of the bill. This amendment establishes Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month to encourage teachers and school administrators to invite Legislators to visit school classrooms and meet with teachers, school administrators and students to promote increased knowledge among Legislators of prekindergarten to grade 12 public education programs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 103 establishes Invite Your Maine Legislator to School Month to encourage teachers and school administrators to invite Legislators to visit school classrooms and meet with teachers, school administrators and students to promote increased knowledge among Legislators of prekindergarten to grade 12 public education programs.

LD 823 An Act To Require Institutions of Higher Learning To Comply with the ONTP **Federal Americans with Disabilities Act**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON MASON G	ONTP	

This bill requires all institutions of higher learning that receive state or federal funds to install on every door allowing access to a room in or area of its educational facilities to which a student or a member of the general public is permitted access a working automatic door opener operated by a wall-mounted electronic push-button device that meets standards adopted by the Maine Human Rights Commission.

LD 843 An Act To Promote the Financial Literacy of High School Students PUBLIC 244

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT CAIN	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-348

Current law requires the Commissioner of Education to develop a program of technical assistance that promotes the importance of financial literacy and encourages school administrative units to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance that may be used in secondary schools as part of the instruction in social studies or mathematics. This bill amends the system of learning results to require each student to study and become proficient in personal finance, including instruction in purchasing, using credit, budgeting, saving and investing, banking, simple contracts, state and federal income taxes, personal insurance policies and renting or purchasing a home. The bill takes effect beginning with the 2014-2015 school year and requires all secondary schools to include the personal finance course as part of the mathematics instruction required to obtain a high school diploma.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-348)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, strikes and replaces the bill to add course work in personal finance as part of the required subject of social studies and history that must be provided to all high school students as part of the state requirements for awarding a high school diploma.

The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Education to review the content standards and performance indicators for the content area of social studies, including student achievement of proficiency in personal finance, during the 2015-2016 school year as part of the commissioner's 5-year review cycle of the content standards and

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performance indicators required under the system of learning results.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-349)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, strikes and replaces the bill to require the Commissioner of Education to review the content standards and performance indicators for the content area of social studies, including student achievement of proficiency in personal finance, during the 2015-2016 school year as part of the commissioner's 5-year review cycle of the content standards and performance indicators required under the system of learning results.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 244 adds course work in personal finance as part of the required subject of social studies and history that must be provided to all high school students as part of the state requirements for awarding a high school diploma. The law also requires the Commissioner of Education to review the content standards and performance indicators for the content area of social studies, including student achievement of proficiency in personal finance, during the 2015-2016 school year as part of the commissioner's 5-year review cycle of the content standards and performance indicators required under the system of learning results.

LD 862 An Act To Assist York County Community College ONTP

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

This bill provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to the York County Community College.

LD 868 An Act To Expand Funding for Early Childhood Education ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LACHOWICZ STUCKEY	ONTP	

This bill amends the definitions of "elementary school" and "public preschool program" to include federally recognized Head Start agency programs in order to allow these programs to become eligible for federal E-rate funds.

LD 880 An Act To Change the Process for Student Transfers from an Alternative Organizational Structure ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS TURNER	ONTP	

This bill gives a local school committee of an alternative organizational structure the authority to approve student transfer requests.