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STATE OF MAINE  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 904 An Act To Clarify When Bonds May Be Issued**

**Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY TUTTLE	OTP-AM ONTP	H-595

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, which proposes to amend the laws governing the issuance of General Fund bonds that have been approved by referendum by the citizens of the State. Under this bill, once the issuance of bonds is approved by referendum, the issuance of the bonds must be approved by the Governor unless the Governor determines, based on information available to the Governor, that the debt service on the bonds would be greater than the amount budgeted, or the project or projects for which the bonds were authorized are not going forward and the funding to be provided by the bonds is not required.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-595)**

This amendment strikes the bill and specifies the events that allow the Governor to delay or forgo issuing a general obligation bond. This amendment also requires the Governor to provide certain information upon delaying or forgoing issuance of a bond..

**LD 906 An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities**

**PUBLIC 601**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN MILLETT	OTP-AM	H-838

In the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, this bill was referred to and reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It was placed on the Special Appropriations Table, removed from the table, committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to a Special or Regular Session.

This bill allows a public charter school, at the discretion of the superintendent of the school administrative unit, to participate in school administrative unit sponsored interscholastic and other activities and, at the discretion of the superintendent, allows a student of the public charter school to participate in a school's extracurricular activities.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-838)**

This amendment provides that the superintendent of a school administrative unit may deny the request of a public charter school student to participate in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity only if the public charter school the student attends already provides that same activity or if the noncharter public school does not have the capacity to provide the student with the opportunity to participate in the activity. If approval for participation is withheld by the superintendent of the school administrative unit, the superintendent must provide a written explanation to the student or the student's parent or guardian stating the reason or reasons for the decision. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble.

**Enacted Law Summary**