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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

and Title 20-A, section 15683-B.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-530)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, establishes provisions to fund public charter schools that are authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The amendment establishes provisions that calculate the total allocation of funds to be provided under the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program for public charter schools that are authorized by the commission.

The amendment also provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15, the Commissioner of Education's recommendations for funding levels under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act must include funding level computations for the total allocation of funds to public charter schools authorized by the commission in accordance with provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683-B.

LD 1083 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Process To Provide Alternative Pathways To Learning for Certain High School Students ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Education to review the issues presented when secondary school students, after repeated school interventions and individualized, targeted efforts, continue to be habitually disruptive in the classroom. The resolve directs the commissioner to examine the impact of the presence of such students on the rest of the classroom and the school community and develop a process to identify secondary school students who, because of the students' recurring discipline issues, might benefit from exemption from the laws governing compulsory school attendance. The resolve directs the commissioner to identify potential options for alternative pathways to successful learning for such students, including but not limited to trade apprenticeships, internships and independent learning leading to high school equivalency certification, and examine ways to ensure that information regarding these alternative pathways is made available to such students.

LD 1093 An Act To Clarify the Criteria of the Health Professions Loan Program as It Affects Physicians Practicing Neurology-psychiatry VETO SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN GRAHAM	OTP-AM	S-119

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The purpose of this bill is to clarify the criteria in the Health Professions Loan Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine for designating underserved areas and populations and the criteria for designating eligibility of specialty physicians to practice in underserved areas to include neurologists-psychiatrists.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-119)

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment specifies that neurology-psychiatry is an underserved specialty for purposes of loan forgiveness under the Health Professions Loan Program. This amendment makes the provision retroactive to January 1, 2012.