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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 1131 An Act To Improve Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers and Other Public School Employees

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN NELSON	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the Fund for Professional Development in Education with an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to support up to 50% of the cost of up to an additional 10 days annually of professional development for teachers and other education professionals. The fund is administered by the Commissioner of Education, who must approve funding if a school administrative unit demonstrates that the professional development for which funding is requested will improve teaching or educational services provided to students, the school administrative unit will provide at least 50% of the funding and the school administrative unit has entered into an agreement with the teachers regarding the timing and components of the professional development activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-192)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that before a school administrative unit enters into an agreement with teachers and other education professionals regarding the professional development activities for which funding is sought from the Commissioner of Education, the school administrative unit must consult with teachers and other education professionals regarding their needs and preferences for the professional development activities that will improve teaching and educational services provided to students.

LD 1132 An Act To Achieve Economic Growth by Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education and To Meet Workforce Needs

PUBLIC 410

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN NELSON	OTP-AM	S-207 S-366 HILL

This bill authorizes and provides funding for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council to establish the office of executive director to provide leadership and management expertise that will assist the council in achieving its goals.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-207)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to make the following changes to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council.

1. Like the bill, it authorizes the council to establish the office of executive director to provide leadership and management expertise to assist the council in meeting its goals, but further allows the council to enter into an agreement, to the extent that public and private funds are available, to contract with an executive director.
2. It adds the Maine Maritime Academy to the entities that jointly provide staff support to the council.
3. It authorizes the council to receive and expend funds from public and private sources to carry out the council's duties.

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4. It reduces the General Fund appropriation from \$250,000 to \$50,000 in each year of the biennium and provides that funds do not lapse but are carried forward for the purposes of the council.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-366)

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section in Committee Amendment "A" and replaces it with one-time funds for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council to carry out the duties of the council and to establish the office of executive director.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 410 authorizes the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council to establish the office of executive director to provide leadership and management expertise that will assist the council in achieving its goals. The law accomplishes the following:

1. It allows the council to enter into an agreement, to the extent that public and private funds are available, to contract with an executive director;
2. It adds the Maine Maritime Academy to the entities that jointly provide staff support to the council;
3. It authorizes the council to receive and expend funds from public and private sources to carry out the council's duties; and
4. It provides one-time funding, in the amount of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, to the council to carry out the duties of the council and to establish the office of executive director.

LD 1143 An Act To Develop Young Readers

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NELSON ALFOND	OTP-AM ONTP	H-381 S-350 HILL

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the development of young readers by:

1. Requiring the Commissioner of Education to establish a program to encourage the early exposure of infants and children in the State to books and reading. The bill directs the commissioner to coordinate the Department of Education's efforts with those of any other agency of government, individual, group, foundation or corporation that has established a program to encourage early reading and authorizes the acceptance of any funds for these purposes from any other agency of government, individual, group, foundation or corporation; and
2. Requiring that beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, school units that offer kindergarten programs provide full-day kindergarten programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-381)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, changes the title of the bill and strikes the section of the bill that directs the Commissioner of Education to establish and coordinate an early reader program.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-350)

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.