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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 1144 An Act To Further Ensure Effective Teaching and School Leadership

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KUSIAK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-254

This bill makes several changes related to the implementation of the performance evaluation and professional growth system provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 508.

1. It removes 2 of the data elements that the Department of Education is required to collect in order to evaluate the performance of educator preparation programs.
2. It requires the Department of Education to amend or adopt rules regarding the implementation procedures related to the qualifications and preparation that trained evaluators must have in order to participate in the performance evaluation of teachers and school principals.
3. It amends the provisions requiring targeted funds for implementing the performance evaluation and professional growth systems for teachers and principals to require that, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the Commissioner of Education provide state funding, outside of the funding provided to school administrative units through the general purpose aid for local schools program, to implement performance evaluation and professional growth systems for teachers and principals.
4. It provides that school administrative units are not required to implement the performance evaluation and professional growth systems for teachers and principals until the Legislature funds the state share of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 at the 55% level required by the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. It also provides that targeted educator evaluation funds may be provided only if general purpose aid for local schools exceeds the required 55% state share.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-254)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, makes 2 changes to the bill related to the performance evaluation and professional growth system provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 508:

1. It removes the provision in the bill that provides that school administrative units would not be required to implement the performance evaluation and professional growth systems for teachers and principals until the Legislature funds the state share of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 at the 55% level required by the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and
2. It removes the provision in the bill that provides that targeted educator evaluation funds would be provided only if general purpose aid for local schools exceeds the required 55% state share.

LD 1160 An Act To Reduce Obesity among Schoolchildren

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT MACDONALD W	OTP-AM ONTP	S-255