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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 1241 An Act To Protect School Athletes from Head Injuries

ONTP

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

This bill requires all students participating in field hockey, lacrosse, snowboarding or skiing as part of an activity of an elementary or secondary school, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, to wear protective headgear. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to convene a working group to study the injuries that occur to students participating in field hockey and lacrosse and determine measures, including the use of protective equipment, that may be taken to avoid injuries. The working group is required to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

LD 1261 An Act To Improve Access for Maine Students to Postsecondary Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MILLETT	ONTP	

This bill provides a full tuition waiver at any campus of the Maine Community College System or the University of Maine System for Maine high school students who graduate in the top 10% of their graduating class and who meet financial need qualifications.

LD 1290 An Act To Encourage High School Students To Complete Community Service

PUBLIC 176

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE VALENTINO	OTP-AM ONTP	H-148

This bill requires a high school student to complete community service as specified by the high school attended by the student in order to graduate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law provides that high school students must be allowed to demonstrate achievement of diploma standards by presenting multiple types of evidence. This amendment adds community service to the multiple types of evidence.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 176 modifies a provision of law that provides that high school students must be allowed to demonstrate achievement of diploma standards by presenting multiple types of evidence. This law adds community service to the multiple types of evidence.