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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST 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

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 126<sup>th</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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.

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from the nonprofit or private sector or from state or federal government is available. The provisions of the bill establishing the Maine Secure Choice Retirement Savings Investment Board and the trust are repealed December 31, 2015 unless the board reports to the Legislature the board's determination, through the market analysis, that those provisions of the trust are self-sustaining and that funds exist to allow the board to implement the program until sufficient funds become available to make it self-sustaining and the Legislature takes action based on the board's determination. It requires the board to ensure that insurance, annuity or other funding mechanisms are in place to protect the value of individuals' accounts.

10. The bill prevents the board from implementing the trust if the IRA arrangements offered fail to qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment ordinarily accorded to IRAs under the Internal Revenue Code or if the program is determined to be an employee benefit plan under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1492      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen      CARRIED OVER**  
**Maine's Economy and Communities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ ROTUNDO		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$85,000,000, will be used to provide funds for development projects for the Communities for Maine's Future Program; for capital investment in programs to train workers for which there is a demonstrated need; for research and development and commercialization of technology; for infrastructure repairs and improvements for public transport and public trails; and for wastewater and safe drinking water infrastructure improvements.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1509      An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the      PUBLIC 368**  
**Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and      EMERGENCY**  
**Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper**  
**Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30,**  
**2014 and June 30, 2015**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHASE HILL	OTP-AM	H-468 H-499 ROTUNDO

This bill is the Governor's proposed 2014-2015 Biennial Budget.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-468)**

This amendment is the unanimous report of the Committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

**House Amendment "P" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-499)**

This amendment is a technical amendment that makes the following corrections to Committee Amendment "A".

1. It clarifies that the reduction in funding for prescription drugs and crossover payments relates to nondual

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Medicare Savings Program members.

2. It makes a correction in an appropriations and allocations section.
3. It corrects language regarding the calculation of net reduction in funding for purposes of adjustments to the property tax levy limit.
4. It makes a technical correction to make consistent the language regarding the counting of benefits as income when determining eligibility for general assistance.
5. It reduces funding for the Maine Apprenticeship Program to offset an inadvertent overfunding.
6. It continues until August 1, 2013 all limited-period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June of 2013.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 368 does the following.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2014-2015 biennium. Portions of this Part were amended by House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-499).

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C relates to the funding of K-12 education.

PART D authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.

PART E limits funding for merit increases to fiscal year 2013-14 only. It also does the following in relation to longevity payments: 1) eliminates payments to individuals not eligible on June 30, 2013; 2) maintains the longevity payment level for those eligible on June 30, 2013 at the rate in effect on June 30, 2013; and 3) extends the limitation on longevity payments to the legislative branch and the judicial branch.

PART F directs the Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management to analyze the structure and functions of government to identify \$11,250,000 in savings to be achieved administratively in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$22,500,000 in savings in fiscal year 2014-15. It also directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget and the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Policy and Management to undertake a review of positions within executive branch departments and agencies and identify up to 100 positions to be eliminated.

PART G changes the process for adjustments to the property tax levy limit under the so-called LD 1 spending limitation system. This Part was amended by House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-499).

PART H amends the statutory provisions pertaining to the active and retired state employee health insurance plan and the state contribution to the health insurance premiums for retired teachers; and reduces funding as a result of the specified changes and new actuarial projections of the cost of retiree health insurance.

PART I continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the 2014-2015 biennium.

PART J adjusts revenue sharing for the 2014-2015 biennium by extending the annual transfers back to the General Fund from the Local Government Fund to target total revenue sharing transfers to specified amounts.

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PART K changes the reimbursement under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) program and establishes a task force to review options for transitioning business equipment from the BETR program to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) program.

PART L provides for Maine residents with a specified Maine adjusted gross income a refundable property tax fairness credit against state income taxes and terminates the Circuitbreaker Program and municipal property tax assistance programs.

PART M increases the tax on sales of prepared food, lodging and liquor sold in bars and restaurants and similar licensed establishments to 8% and the general sales tax to 5.5% from October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 and specifies the percentage transferred to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund during this period.

PART N provides that the sales tax applies to the sale of products transferred electronically in this State if the product would be subject to the sales tax if sold in a nondigital physical form.

PART O changes in the statutes related to payments to municipalities for adjustments to state valuation for sudden and severe disruption of municipal valuation. This Part is further amended by Public Law 2013, chapter 385 (LD 1570).

PART P repeals the sales tax exemption for certain publications.

PART Q suspends the inflation adjustment for income tax brackets for tax years beginning in 2014 and 2015 and provides that the inflation adjustment calculation for tax years beginning after 2015 must be based on the Chained Consumer Price Index instead of the Consumer Price Index.

PART R repeals the requirement that the state budget document contain the prioritized public improvements budget estimate.

PART S establishes the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force to evaluate tax expenditures and recommend the repeal or reduction of tax expenditures to achieve a specified savings.

PART T continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided for by statute.

PART U reduces the amount of funding transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the Maine State Housing Authority by increasing the amount transferred to the General Fund.

PART V transfers the powers and duties of the liquor enforcement division within the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

PART W recognizes an increase in the attrition rate for the 2014-2015 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies.

PART X creates an unclassified communications position within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART Y changes the accounting structure to separate the milk pool program and the dairy stabilization support program.

PART Z transfers \$4,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund no later than June 30, 2015.

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PART AA requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to convene a task force of Legislators and interested parties to review options for imposing a temporary assessment on larger nonprofit organizations.

PART BB requires the State Court Administrator to adjust upward the salaries of the State's chief justices, chief judge, deputy chief judge, associate justices and associate judges by a specified percentage on July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014 instead of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index.

PART CC increases the fee paid to nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators for an inspection and view.

PART DD adds the Chief Medical Examiner account within the Department of the Attorney General to the list of accounts exempt from lapsing unexpended General Fund Personal Services appropriations to the Salary Plan program.

PART EE increases the assessments imposed on persons convicted of crimes that accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

PART FF authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer by financial order Personal Services, All Other and Capital Expenditures funding between accounts within the same fund for the purposes of paying departmental overtime expenses.

PART GG allows the Department of Corrections to carry unexpended Personal Services balances to the Capital Expenditures line category in the following year.

PART HH authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to use up to \$250,000 to conduct an independent feasibility study of the need for correctional construction projects in the Town of Windham.

PART II makes the Deputy Chief of Staff within the Department of Education subject to appointment by the commissioner.

PART JJ authorizes the Department of Education to purchase portable computer devices for students and educators.

PART KK provides that the Commissioner of Education is required to employ at least one consultant whose responsibility includes, but is not limited to, covering the area of truancy, dropouts and alternative education.

PART LL lapses funds from accounts within the legislative branch to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART MM suspends both primary and general election distributions to gubernatorial candidates during the 2014 election cycle and makes changes to the transfers to the Maine Clean Election Fund for the legislative elections.

PART NN requires the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to review the rate methodology for reimbursement under the Section 21 and Section 29 waivers and report on its recommended reimbursement levels.

PART OO amends the food supplement and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs for legal aliens to limit eligibility to those noncitizens who are unemployed but who have obtained proper work documentation and makes changes to the general assistance program. This Part was amended by House Amendment "P" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-499).

PART PP requires the Department of Health and Human Services to pursue an appropriate setting to provide

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intravenous sedation dental services in the Portland area.

PART QQ updates the base year for the hospital tax to 2012 and keeps it at that level.

PART RR allows Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to expend up to a specified percentage of the funds available from the Agriculture Fair Support Fund for administration.

PART SS requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the so-called Section 21 and Section 29 MaineCare waivers to permit reimbursement for the use of appropriate technology as a means to reduce cost and to incorporate the recommendations of the adult developmental services working group into the planning process.

PART TT does the following: 1) updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes; 2) amends the allowable standard deduction to not conform with the larger federal married joint standard deduction; 3) enacts a limitation on the itemized deductions for income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013; 4) enacts new addition and subtraction modifications for individual and corporate income taxes to decouple Maine bonus depreciation deductions from the federal bonus depreciation deductions; 5) enacts a new credit section extending the Maine capital investment credit for taxable years beginning in 2013; and 6) enacts an annual inflation adjustment to the itemized deduction limitation amount.

PART UU gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this Act.

PART VV requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to standardize room and board rates for adult mental health residential.

PART WW establishes a working group convened by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review mandates imposed by the State on municipalities.

PART XX transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in each year of the biennium.

PART YY transfers funds from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund account to the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund account to fund security improvements and renovations at the Gray headquarters facility.

PART ZZ delays until the 2016-2017 biennium the increase to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appropriations by 18% over the requested amount (also known as "The Fiscal Stability Program").

PART AAA amends language pertaining to watercraft revenue distribution between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources.

PART BBB establishes a working group to be convened by the Director of the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired within the Department of Labor to review the Department of Labor's business enterprise program.

PART CCC creates an Assistant to the Commissioner for Communications position within the Department of Marine Resources as a major policy-influencing position in the unclassified service, subject to appointment by the Commissioner of Marine Resources and eliminates the Special Assistant to the Commissioner position.

PART DDD renames 2 programs and establishes 2 programs in the Department of Marine Resources.

PART EEE requires that the funding for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police be provided 35%



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from the Highway Fund and 65% from the General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2013-14.

PART FFF authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART GGG provides the transition provisions applicable to the transfer of 4 positions and the responsibility of those positions from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Public Utilities Commission.

PART HHH authorizes members of the State Board of Education to be reimbursed for expenses.

PART III requires the State Controller to transfer \$250,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Callahan Mine Site Restoration program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation.

PART JJJ allocates part of the University of Maine cooperative extension pesticide education funds for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for applied research and extension on spotted wing drosophila with input from the small fruit industry and to integrated pest management with input from the University of Maine Wild Blueberry Advisory Committee.

PART KKK provides for an interfund advance from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus required for one day at the end of fiscal year 2013-14.

PART LLL requires the State Controller to transfer \$1,050,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Leased Space Reserve Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services no later than June 30, 2014.

PART MMM adds the Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services program and the Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions program to the list of programs whose funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

PART NNN authorizes new Maine Governmental Facilities Authority borrowing in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15 to provide funding for repairs to state facilities, including appropriations for the additional debt service costs, and authorizes financing agreements for heating system changes of up to a specified amount.

PART OOO requires that the balance in the Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice Academy program, General Fund account at the close of fiscal year 2013-14 may not lapse and must be carried forward for its original purpose.

PART PPP directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to pay a distinct psychiatric unit discharge rate for certain patients and to provide a specified reimbursement rate for inpatient substance abuse services.

PART QQQ requires the State Controller to transfer \$2,500,000 from the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund in the Department of Labor to the General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2014.

PART RRR establishes the rates of compensation for indigent legal services for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 and revises the rule-making authority of the commission to provide that rules concerning future changes to rates of compensation for assigned counsel and contract counsel are major substantive rules.

PART SSS authorizes the transfer of available Personal Services or All Other balances from the Department of Health and Human Services, Developmental Services - Community program account to the Crisis Outreach Program

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account.

PART TTT renames several programs within the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART UUU increases the limit for the special housing allowance for TANF families beginning October 1, 2013.

PART VVV extends authority to transfer balances in certain MaineCare General Fund accounts by financial order through June 30, 2015 and adds the Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services program and the Medicaid Waiver for other Related Conditions program to the list of MaineCare programs between which transfers may be made.

PART WWW does the following: 1) authorizes the transfer by financial order of any available appropriations to MaineCare in order to fully fund weekly cycle payments; 2) prohibits transfers from the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance and State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance programs except transfers between the 2 programs; and 3) authorizes the transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Riverview Psychiatric Center program in order to provide funds for an electronic medical records system.

PART XXX authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer All Other funds by financial order between accounts within the same fund for the purposes of paying food, heating and utility expenses.

PART YYY requires the Commissioner of Corrections to review the current organizational structure to improve organizational efficiency and authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer positions and available balances by financial order between July 1st and December 1st of each fiscal year. Any transfers resulting in a mission change or facility closure must have legislative review.

PART ZZZ segregates funding for vocational and industry programs and transfers the ending balances of the current industries enterprise account and portions of Other Special Revenue Funds accounts to a new industries enterprise account and specifies transfers of unexpended funds in existing facility industry accounts.

PART AAAA moves the budgetary and administrative responsibility for the displaced homemakers program from the Department of Labor to the University of Maine System.

PART BBBB amends the amount of funds available to the State authorized to be transferred by the Governor by financial order to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

PART CCCC changes the name of the Bureau of Child and Family Services to the Office of Child and Family Services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART DDDD requires the State Controller to transfer the remaining balance from the Maine Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by the close of fiscal year 2013-14.

PART EEEE expands the use of the endowment to the Lewiston-Auburn College in the University of Maine System originally seeded to provide fellowships to student teachers to include student teachers in secondary schools and early childhood studies and allows the endowment to be used for internships or scholarships.

PART FFFF transfers funds from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund program, Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2014-15.

PART GGGG requires the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the Elderly Tax Deferral Program, Other

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Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2015.

PART HHHH requires the State Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund, Internal Service Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund unappropriated surplus by June 30, 2013.

PART IIII requires the State Controller to transfer \$185,000 from the Elderly Tax Deferral Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund unappropriated surplus by June 30, 2013.

PART JJJJ allows the members of the Maine Charter School Commission to receive per diem at the legislative rate in addition to being reimbursed for expenses.

PART KKKK authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements for various information technology projects for amounts not to exceed \$7,500,000 in principal costs and not to exceed 7 years in duration.

PART LLLL removes the requirement that expenditures from the Nonreserved Public Lands Management Fund and the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; the Whitewater Rafting Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Fund in the Department of Marine Resources be subject to legislative approval in the same manner as General Fund appropriations.

PART MMMM requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop recommendations to achieve payment parity between hospital-compensated and non-hospital-compensated physicians.

PART NNNN requires the State Controller to transfer \$300,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Dirigo Health Enterprise Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART OOOO extends the service provider tax to group residential services for people with brain injuries.

PART PPPP transfers \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Revenue Services - Bureau of program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART QQQQ provides temporary funding for the Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency program within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management until federal funding becomes available.

PART RRRR increases the amount transferred from the K-12 Essential Programs and Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by fiscal year 2012-13 and requires transfers in each year of the biennium.

PART SSSS repeals the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund and transfers cash balances to the General Fund unappropriated surplus and requires the Finance Authority of Maine to pay \$37,033 from contributions and interest earned in the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART TTTT authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer the savings to General Fund accounts for a decrease in rates from the risk management division within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART UUUU authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer the savings to General Fund accounts achieved by converting state office buildings in the Augusta area to natural gas heat.

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PART VVVV extends the exemption for aircraft and aircraft parts from the sales and use tax until June 30, 2021 and requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters review the tax exemption.

PART WWWW requires the Department of Health and Human Services to restore MaineCare reimbursement rates for services provided by licensed clinical professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists to levels in place prior to March 1, 2013.

PART XXXX repeals the premium tax on malt liquor, wine, low-alcohol spirits products, fortified wines and hard cider and increases the excise tax on these items by the amount of the premium and requires that at least 31% of the excise tax collected to be appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for substance abuse prevention and treatment.

PART YYYY requires that legal notices appearing in a newspaper also appear on any publicly accessible website that the newspaper maintain and prohibits a newspaper from charging an executive branch agency a rate for publishing legal notices that is greater than the rate the newspaper charges the Legislature

PART ZZZZ requires the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the Criminal History Record Check Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART AAAAA makes changes to statutes regarding reimbursement under the MaineCare program for opioid drugs for the treatment of pain.

PART BBBBB authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer up to \$500,000 by financial order from the Department of Corrections - Capital Improvements, General Fund account to the State Board of Corrections in fiscal year 2012-13.

PART CCCCC specifies reporting requirement for the expanded "Bring College to ME Program" under the Maine Community College System and the development of criteria for a scholarship program for adults with prior education credits under the University of Maine System and establishes the "Foreign-trained Worker Pilot Project" within the Department of Education. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future.

PART DDDDD amends the laws governing the Education Coordinating Committee and directs the committee to study issues related to the delivery of programs and courses to adults needing assistance in meeting the requirements for postsecondary education admittance. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future.

PART EEEEE requires the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the President of the Maine Community College System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, to develop the policies and procedures to establish a process for students enrolled in community colleges in this State to successfully transfer their credits into the University of Maine System in order to complete their baccalaureate degrees. It also requires them to study the feasibility of developing a common course numbering system and provide a plan and implementation schedule. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future.

PART FFFFF establishes Maine industry partnerships as a cooperative initiative within the Office of the Governor and creates the Industry Partnership Assistance Collaborative in the Office of the Governor administered by the Commissioner of Labor. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future.

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PART GGGGG establishes the Task Force on Adult Learners and requires it to develop a multisector statewide strategic plan to increase postsecondary degree completion rates among such nontraditional students. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART HHHHH requires the director of the office within the Department of Education concerned with adult education and family literacy to convene the Working Group on Adult Workforce Readiness to develop a statewide plan to address the work readiness needs of unemployed adults, incumbent workers and employers. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART IIIII requires Jobs for Maine's Graduates to provide capacity, curriculum and professional development to assist up to 30 high schools, depending on available funding. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART JJJJJ establishes the Maine Incumbent Worker Training Program as a pilot project within the Maine Community College System. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART KKKKK expands InternHelpME.com, a statewide internship-matching program established by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. This Part was originally contained in LD 90 as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future.

PART LLLLL makes additional supplemental appropriations and allocations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

PART MMMMM provides for an additional \$3,000,000 to be transferred from the General Fund for distribution to the milk producers in fiscal year 2012-113.

PART NNNNN reduces funding for the Maine Apprenticeship Program. This Part is a result of House Amendment “P” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-499). The funding reduction offset an inadvertent overfunding as a result of incorporating LD 90 into the Biennial Budget.

PART OOOOO continues until August 1, 2013 all limited period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June 2013. This Part is a result of House Amendment “P” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-499).

Public Law 2013, chapter 368 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2013.

**LD 1514 An Act To Reform the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill as emergency legislation proposes to amend the retirement provisions for state employees and teachers participating in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in the following ways.