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STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 1684 **An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children Placed in Guardianship for the School Lunch and Milk Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to provide that a student placed in legal guardianship is eligible for free meals under the school lunch and milk program in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 223, subchapter 7 without considering the income of the student's guardian.

LD 1699 **An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Prevention Education Program within the Department of Education** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRINGLE	OTP-AM	H-613

This bill provides ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14 to partially offset the loss of federal grant funds used to provide HIV prevention training and education to educators in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-613)

This amendment provides that ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 per year to partially offset the loss of federal grant funds used to provide HIV prevention training and education to educators in Maine will begin in fiscal year 2014-15 instead of fiscal year 2013-14 as proposed by the bill.

The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 1702 **Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education** **INDEF PP**

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

This resolve directs the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to study the establishment of a pilot program based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" model to replace the current system of charging a resident of the State tuition and fees for enrollment at a state public institution of higher education. Under the pilot program, a student who is a resident of the State and who qualifies for admission to an institution would be able to enroll in the institution without paying tuition or fees; instead, the student would sign a binding contract to pay to the State or the institution for a specified number of years a certain percentage of the student's annual adjusted gross income upon graduation from the institution. Under the resolve, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System are directed to report their findings and any proposed implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 3, 2014.