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STATE OF MAINE  
126<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> 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

the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may submit a bill related to this report to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**LD 1716**     **An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career and Academic Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students**

**PUBLIC 460**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	H-616

Currently, career and academic advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education programs are considered administrative costs under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8607-A, subsection 1 and reimbursed at a rate of 70% of those costs. This bill requires that career and academic advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education programs, because those services are provided directly to students, be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of those costs, which is the same as the reimbursement rate for courses for students.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 460 requires that career and academic advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education programs must be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of those costs, which is the same as the reimbursement rate for courses for students.

**LD 1726**     **An Act Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Educational Component for the School Curriculum**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON JOHNSON C	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the law requiring instruction in history, government and citizenship in elementary and secondary schools. This bill specifies instruction be provided concerning different models of local government and the history, organization and operation of the Federal Government and of Maine government.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-676)**

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1727**     **An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine Autoinjectors in Schools**

**PUBLIC 526**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON JOHNSON C	OTP-AM	H-779

This bill establishes guidelines for the stocking and administering of epinephrine auto injectors by schools.