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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature’s webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. 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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for no more than five years and whose certificate was in good standing and has lapsed. The professional teacher certificate must be issued with the same grades and subject area endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that was held by the teacher at the time of the teacher's retirement. Both certificates must be issued for the same period and subject to the same renewal standards as regular certificates. The State Board of Education is authorized to further govern qualifications of both certificates through rulemaking.

LD 830 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-Campus Housing on All Campuses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 17 directs the Maine Community College System to study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system must consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system must report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

LD 867 An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-Use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 253 allows a public school, public charter school or approved private school to obtain a standing order for undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy. It provides that only a school nurse or unlicensed school personnel who have completed the training required by rule to administer medication may administer glucagon to a student. Public Law 2023, chapter 253 also provides procedures for the storage and administration of undesignated glucagon in a public school, public charter school or approved private school.

LD 873 An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 changes the date of the repeal of student eligibility for a Department of Education diploma due to interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to September 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.