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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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program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade and increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs. The Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations no later than January 15, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 92 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 7, 2023.

LD 1315 An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 460 requires a public school to offer training to secondary students on how to administer naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray. It also directs the Department of Education to adopt rules that must provide that the training is an extracurricular instruction, that instruction is delivered by a qualified individual and that the standards for instruction are based on those of a nationally recognized program, organization or agency.

LD 1366 An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 200 creates an alternative pathway to an educational technician III certification that does not require the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field as required by State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. Public Law 2023, chapter 200 provides that the Commissioner of Education may approve training programs for certification as an educational technician III offered by accredited postsecondary institutions in this State, including but not limited to learning facilitator programs offered through the Maine Community College System. An applicant who successfully completes an approved program and meets all certification requirements other than the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field may be certified as an educational technician III. The certified applicant is eligible for certificate renewal in the same manner as other education technician III certifications but is not eligible for an emergency teacher certificate.

LD 1389 An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 461 requires the Department of Education to establish a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.