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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 Second Regular Session 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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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Resolve 2023, chapter 167 also directs the Department of Education to initiate rulemaking on the portion of the department's rule Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction that provides the parameters for instruction for the content area of social studies and submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature for review. The department is permitted to adjust the content areas subject to review and submission to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature as necessary to accomplish the review of the social studies standards.

Resolve 2023, chapter 167 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2024.

LD 2221 Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 137 directs the State Board of Education to amend its rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a major substantive rule of the State Board of Education, and submit the provisionally adopted rule to the 132nd Legislature for review.

LD 2257 An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 20 extends the time period in which School Administrative Unit No. 52 may issue temporary notes to finance a wastewater treatment plant, which was unexpectedly delayed due to the COVID-19 emergency and difficulties locating a suitable site for subsurface disposal.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2024.

LD 2286 Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to Review Certain Components of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to conduct a targeted review of certain components of general purpose aid for local schools and a review of components of the essential programs and services funding formula that have been identified as driving inequity within the formula. In conducting

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its reviews, the Maine Education Policy Research Institute is required to include stakeholder representatives and recommend potential adjustments to the funding formula to be modeled by the Department of Education.

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in conjunction with the department, to assess the statutorily required review of the essential programs and services components and make recommendations regarding improvements to the review process, including, but not limited to, the established timeline and opportunities for stakeholder engagement.

Resolve 2023, chapter 164 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than March 15, 2025.