

# 2013-2014 Legislative Scorecard

## How did your legislators vote in the 126th Legislature?

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When the MEA staff started planning for the first year of the 126th Legislature, we knew we faced difficult circumstances. Even with strong Democratic majorities, we still had a Governor who was vitriolic in his criticism of public schools, educators and their unions. We also knew this Governor would not be afraid to use his veto pen to strike down any law he didn't agree with. Our predictions were accurate.

Yet, despite these significant challenges, we had a great legislative session and MEA members should be proud of the work they did to move the debate for our public schools and professions. We had some significant achievements and NO major setbacks.

Below you will find the most important bills of the session along with a synopsis of each, showing how each legislator voted.

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JUSTIN ALFOND (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
JAMES BOYLE (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
DAVID BURNS (R - Washington)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25%
EMILY CAIN (D - Penobscot)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
JOHN CLEVELAND (D - Androscoggin)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
RONALD COLLINS (R - York)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	33%
MARGARET CRAVEN (D - Androscoggin)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
ANDRE CUSHING (R - Penobscot)	✓	A	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	17%
DAVID DUTREMBLE (D - York)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
PATRICK FLOOD (R - Kennebec)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	42%
STAN GERZOFKY (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
SETH GOODALL (D - Sagadahoc)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
GEOFFREY GRATWICK (D - Penobscot)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
JAMES HAMPER (R - Oxford)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	33%
ANNE HASKELL (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
DAWN HILL (D - York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
TROY JACKSON (D - Aroostook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (D - Lincoln)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
ROGER KATZ (R - Kennebec)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	67%
COLLEEN LACHOWICZ (D - Kennebec)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
BRIAN LANGLEY (R - Hancock)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	58%
GARRETT MASON (R - Androscoggin)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25%
ED MAZUREK (D - Knox)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
REBECCA MILLETT (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
JOHN PATRICK (D - Oxford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	92%
GARY PLUMMER (R - Cumberland)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	33%
THOMAS SAVIELLO (R - Franklin)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	83%
ROGER SHERMAN (R - Aroostook)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	50%
MICHAEL THIBODEAU (R - Waldo)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25%
DOUGLAS THOMAS (R - Somerset)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25%
JOHN TUTTLE (D - York)	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%*
LINDA VALENTINO (D - York)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
RODNEY WHITTEMORE (R - Somerset)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25%
RICHARD WOODBURY (U - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	92%
EDWARD YOUNGBLOOD (R - Hancock)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	50%

### The Good News – Bills We Passed!

#### LD 1509 – The State Budget

The Biennial State Budget is the best budget for schools we've seen in 5 years. It sends an additional \$30 million in funds to our schools for the next two years, putting our schools back on a path to the State funding 55% of the total cost of public education. For the 2013-2014 school year, the state will be paying approximately 47% of the cost of public schools in the state. The Governor had intended to "flat fund" schools at curtailment levels and to push most costs onto local districts. Under the Governor's proposal, our schools

stood to lose another \$30 million and the state share of funding would have decreased to less than 44%. We were not able to prevent the shift of retirement costs onto local school districts, but the state paid for the shift by sending \$30 million more through the formula to pay for the shift.

#### LD 609 – Suicide Awareness Prevention, Sponsored by Rep. Gilbert (D-Jay)

Due to the recent tragedies involving students in our state, Representative Gilbert authored this legislation that requires every school district to offer at least one hour training for all school personnel on suicide

awareness and prevention. The law takes effect in 2014-2015 for high schools and the following year for all other schools and must be repeated at least every five years.

#### LD 243 – Fixed the Restraint and Seclusion Rules, Sponsored by Senator Saviello (R-Franklin)

Beginning in October, many teachers and Ed Techs started to express concern about the new rules adopted by the Maine Department of Education the previous year related to the restraint and seclusion of students. Many of you contacted the MEA and your elected leaders to complain the rules were far

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Amend Restrict and Seclusion (RC 19)	Public School Funding (RC 102)	Require Charter Schools to be Non- Profit (RC 158)	Veto Vote for Non- Profit Charter Schools (failed - RC 383)	Political Contributi ons by Labor Union (RC 96)	Fix Charter Funding (RC 338)	Teacher Eval Rules (RC 345)	Gov's School Takeover (RC 372)	Gov's Voucher (RC 380)	Guns in Schools (RC 246)	Budget Bill (RC 324)	Budget Override (RC 398)			
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3	BERNARD AYOTTE (R - Caswell)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
135	PAULETTE BEAUDOIN (D - Biddeford)	A	✓	A	A	A	✓	A	A	A	✓	A	A	**
68	MICHAEL BEAULIEU (R - Auburn)	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	50%
148	ROBERTA BEAVERS (D - South Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
76	HENRY BECK (D - Waterville)	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	79%
141	PAUL BENNETT (R - Kennebunk)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	29%
67	SETH BERRY (D - Bowdoinham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
90	RUSSELL BLACK (R - Wilton)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	29%
142	ANDREA BOLAND (D - Sanford)	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	79%
69	BRIAN BOLDOC (D - Auburn)	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	A	64%
93	SHERYL BRIGGS (D - Mexico)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
42	JOSEPH BROOKS (U - Winterport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
138	JAMES CAMPBELL (U - Newfield)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
40	RICHARD CAMPBELL (R - Orrington)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
72	MICHAEL CAREY (D - Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
137	ALAN CASAVANT (D - Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	71%
32	KATHERINE CASSIDY (D - Machias)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	X	86%
37	RALPH CHAPMAN (D - Brooksville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	93%
147	KATHLEEN CHASE (R - Wells)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	36%
134	JUSTIN CHENETTE (D - Saco)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
119	BENJAMIN CHIPMAN (U - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	93%
6	TYLER CLARK (R - Easton)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	A	✓	43%
107	JANICE COOPER (D - Yarmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
55	H. DAVID COTTA (R - China)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	36%
104	DALE CRAFTS (R - Lisbon)	✓	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
28	DEAN CRAY (R - Palmyra)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	29%
91	JARROD CROCKETT (R - Bethel)	✓	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	29%
66	MATTHEA DAUGHTRY (D - Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
26	PAUL DAVIS, SR. (R - Sangerville)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
62	JENNIFER DeCHANT (D - Bath)	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
51	MICK DEVIN (D - Newcastle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
47	ELIZABETH DICKERSON (D - Rockland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	86%
14	JAMES DILL (D - Old Town)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
113	MARK DION (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
33	PETER DOAK (R - Columbia Falls)	✓	✓	X	X	X	A	X	A	A	A	✓	✓	36%
86	ANNE DORNEY (D - Norridgewock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
88	LARRY DUNPHY (R - Embden)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
39	BRIAN DUPREY (R - Hampden)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	21%
105	ELEANOR ESPLING (R - New Gloucester)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	14%
49	JEFFREY EVANGELOS (U - Friendship)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	93%
146	MARK EVES (D - North Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

too onerous, causing tremendous disruption in the classroom, and were causing tremendous harm to teachers. The MEA got right to work with Senator Saviello and negotiated new rules with leaders from the disability rights community to provide some relief from the original arcane rules from the DoE.

**LD 667 – Public School Funding by Local Towns, Sponsored by Rep. Maker (R- Calais)**

For years, there was a deal in Augusta—if the state paid 55% of the cost of public education, then local towns had to pay the rest. But, in 2008, when the state started to curtail its funding to schools and backtrack on the 55% commitment, it also released cities and towns from paying their full amount. This bill fixed that. This bill simply states that cities and towns must pay their full share of funding for schools. Some towns, such as Lewiston, are currently shorting their schools by almost \$3 million. The bill ramps up the commitment for cities and towns requiring them to pay their full share of education funding by the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

**LD 1106 – Teacher-Led Schools (Not on Scorecard), Sponsored by Rep. Matt Moonen (D-Portland)**

Teachers at Portland’s Reiche School have experimented with a “teacher led school” for three years now and the results have been dramatic. Test scores have risen, parents are actively engaged in the school, and teachers feel empowered. This year the

MEA worked with Representative Moonen to develop a bill that would encourage more schools to adopt a “teacher led” model. The bill not only provided official recognition from the state for such a model, but it allowed other schools that wanted to adopt such a model to access state funds through a program now known as the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Education Services.

**The Governor’s Bad Bills**

**LD 1510 – The Governor’s School Takeover Bill, Sponsored by Rep. Johnson (R- Greenville)**

The Governor’s Office was bolder this year than others and actually proposed a bill to allow the state to “take over failing schools.” Originally the former Commissioner of Education Bowen told the Education Committee the Administration had no plans to take over failing schools but leaked documents later showed that in fact the former Commissioner had been advocating a plan to allow them to take over certain schools. Regardless, the bill wasn’t even supported by many Republicans on the Committee and it failed miserably.

**LD 1529 – The Governor’s Voucher Proposal—Again! Sponsored by Senator Mason (R-Androscoggin)**

Again, the Governor proposed a plan to create a voucher system in Maine, despite the lack of research that shows such vouchers improve student outcomes.

This bill also proposed to lift the cap on the number of charter schools in the state. The bill failed to garner much support and was easily defeated.

**Charter Schools**

**LD 1057 – Fix Charter School Funding, Sponsored by Rep. Kusiak (D- Fairfield)**

Few issues generated as much controversy this session as the issue of charter schools. The chief concern was the funding of charters. Currently, the money follows the student, thus every time a student attends a charter school it rips away state and local dollars from our local public schools. MSAD 54 (Skowhegan) was forced to spend \$400,000 for charter school students and for this school year we can expect they will be forced to spend another \$650,000.

The former Commissioner of Education Bowen admitted there were serious flaws with the funding system and proposed a new method of paying for charters. Under Bowen’s plans, charters would get all of their funds directly from the state. Democrats wanted to create separate line items in the budget. The Commissioner and the Governor completely rejected this rational proposal.

The bill passed both chambers on a party line vote, and was then vetoed.

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117	RICHARD FARNSWORTH (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
8	JOYCE FITZPATRICK (R - Houlton)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	36%
58	LORI FOWLE (D - Vassalboro)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
25	KENNETH WADE FREDETTE (R - Newport)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	36%
18	AARON FREY (D - Bangor)	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
126	ANDREW GATTINE (D - Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
106	SARA GIDEON (D - Freeport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
12	JEFFREY GIFFORD (R - Lincoln)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
87	PAUL GILBERT (D - Jay)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	93%
41	JAMES GILLWAY (R - Searsport)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	36%
15	ADAM GOODE (D - Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
109	ANNE GRAHAM (D - North Yarmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
59	GAY GRANT (D - Gardiner)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
22	STACEY GUERIN (R - Glenburn)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
123	SCOTT HAMANN (D - South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
116	DENISE HARLOW (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	93%
89	LANCE HARVELL (R - Farmington)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
94	TERESE HAYES (D - Buckfield)	✓	✓	X	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
43	ERIN HERBIG (D - Belfast)	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
82	CRAIG HICKMAN (D - Winthrop)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
133	BARRY HOBBS (D - Saco)	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
35	BRIAN HUBBELL (D - Bar Harbor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
100	ROGER JACKSON (R - Oxford)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
20	DAVID JOHNSON (R - Eddington)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
27	PETER JOHNSON (R - Greenville)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
45	BRIAN JONES (D - Freedom)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	79%
115	ERIK JORGENSEN (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
124	BRYAN KAENRATH (D - South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	93%
65	PETER KENT (D - Woolwich)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	X	A	79%
83	DENNIS KESCHL (R - Belgrade)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	43%
99	JONATHAN KINNEY (R - Limington)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	29%
81	L. GARY KNIGHT (R - Livermore Falls)	✓	A	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	A	X	14%
17	VICTORIA KORNFELD (D - Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	93%
48	CHUCK KRUGER (D - Thomaston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
36	WALTER KUMIEGA III (D - Deer Isle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
84	KAREN KUSIAK (D - Fairfield)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
71	MICHEL LAJOIE (D - Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
139	AARON LIBBY (R - Waterboro)	A	✓	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	✓	X	X	X	X	14%
73	NATHAN LIBBY (D - Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
30	LAWRENCE LOCKMAN (R - Amherst)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
9	RICKY LONG (R - Sherman)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%

**LD 671 – Requiring a Charter to be Non-Profit, Sponsored by Rep. Daughtry (D- Brunswick)**

The premise of this bill was simple—charter schools must be operated as non-profit entities. The bill was needed because the charter school bill that was rushed through in 2011 allows for charter schools to be for-profit organizations. The motivation is to allow so-called virtual charters to enter the state. The MEA lobbied hard but we fell three votes short of overriding the Governor's veto.

**Anti-Union and Anti-Worker Bills**

**LD 110 – Silence Public Employee Unions and the MEA, Sponsored by Rep. Johnson (R- Greenville)**

The purpose of this bill was clear—silence the ability for public employee unions like the MEA to have any voice in the political process. The bill would have prohibited MEA and other unions from political involvement. The bill failed to pass.

**LD 786 – Right to Work for Public Employees, Sponsored by Rep. Lockman (R-Amherst)**

This bill was an infringement upon our collective bargaining rights. It prohibited unions from adopting so-called "closed shops." Closed shops are negotiated in a collective bargaining agreement. Some locals in the MEA have decided to negotiate for closed shops. These types of collective bargaining decisions are best left to

local decision makers and state government should not interfere with private contracts. The bill failed to pass.

**Other Important Bills**

**LD 1542 – Rules for Teacher Evaluation**

Last year, the Governor signed a bill requiring the development of new statewide standards for teacher evaluations. For years, the MEA has asked for better and more consistent evaluations.

There were many problems with the rules proposed by the Department of Education, specifically a provision requiring at least 25% of a teacher's evaluation to be comprised of "student achievement data." The MEA has argued that standardized tests should have a limited role in evaluating teachers. Standardized tests provide a snapshot of a student's performance on one day in a very limited way.

There are no rules in place for teacher evaluation and therefore the law passed in 2012 creating a new statewide evaluation system has been put on hold until rules can be adopted. Without rules, the evaluation system, on a statewide level, cannot move forward.

**LD 1429 – Guns in Schools, Sponsored by Senator Burns (R- Washington)**

Given the tragedy in Sandy Hook, many legislators proposed bills regarding guns and gun regulations.

One such bill would allow school districts to adopt policies for teachers and other school employees to carry concealed weapons. The MEA has a diverse membership and our members have various views on guns, but the MEA Board of Directors was clear that we could not support an expansion of guns in schools. We opposed this bill and it was defeated.

**Parting Note: Next Session**

During this session, there were a number of bills proposed to address so-called virtual schools. These schools are permitted due to the charter legislation passed in 2011. The MEA has been a consistent and vocal critic of virtual charters. The research on these schools is conclusive—they fail our students. A few bills passed on party line votes, including a bill to place a moratorium on virtual charter schools. These bills were then "carried over" until the next session and will be debated again in 2014.

Another bill that was carried over is LD 300. This bill would fix the damage caused to the MEA Benefits Trust by changing the law related to the release of "experience ratings." While the prospect of the bill passing appears dim, the bill has been carried over and will be debated next session.

✓ = Pro-Education Vote  
 RC = Roll Call Number  
 A = Unexcused Absence  
 E = Excused Absence  
 \*\* = Not In Position to Vote

Dist.	Representative	LD 609 Suicide Awareness (RC 55)	LD 243 Amend Restraint and Seclusion (RC 19)	LD 786 Anti-Union (RC 48)	LD 667 Public School Funding (RC 102)	LD 671 Require Schools to be Non-Profit (RC 158)	LD 671 Veto Vote for Non-Profit Charter Schools (failed - RC 383)	LD 110 Political Contributions by Labor Union (RC 96)	LD 1057 Fix Charter Funding (RC 338)	LD 1542 Teacher Eval Rules (RC 345)	LD 1510 Gov's School Takeover (RC 372)	LD 1529 Gov's Voucher (RC 380)	LD 1429 Guns in Schools (RC 246)	LD 1509 Budget Bill (RC 324)	Budget Override (RC 398)	Total Score
77	THOMAS LONGSTAFF (D - Waterville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
38	LOUIS LUCHINI (D - Ellsworth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
132	SHARRI MACDONALD (R - Old Orchard Beach)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	A	✓	X	✓	✓	43%
61	W. BRUCE MACDONALD (D - Boothbay)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
31	JOYCE MAKER (R - Calais)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	43%
34	RICHARD MALABY (R - Hancock)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	✓	✓	29%
131	DONALD MAREAN (R - Hollis)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	29%
53	TIMOTHY MARKS (D - Pittston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	93%
60	ANDREW MASON (D - Topsham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
143	ANNE-MARIE MASTRACCIO (D - Sanford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
85	JEFF MCCABE (D - Skowhegan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
103	MICHAEL MCCLELLAN (R - Raymond)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
4	CAROL MCELWEE (R - Caribou)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	43%
149	PAUL MCGOWAN (D - York)	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
129	ANDREW MCLEAN (D - Gorham)	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
121	KIMBERLY MONAGHAN-DERRIG (D - Cape Elizabeth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
118	MATTHEW MOONEN (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
108	STEPHEN MORIARTY (D - Cumberland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
122	TERRY MORRISON (D - South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
1	ALLEN NADEAU (R - Fort Kent)	✓	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	29%
54	CATHERINE NADEAU (D - Winslow)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
112	MARY NELSON (D - Falmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
80	MELVIN NEWENDYKE (R - Litchfield)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	14%
144	WILLIAM NOON (D - Sanford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
78	ROBERT NUTTING (R - Oakland)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
140	WAYNE PARRY (R - Arundel)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%
44	JETHRO PEASE (R - Morrill)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	29%
13	ANITA PEAVEY HASKELL (R - Milford)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	A	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	36%
125	ANN PEOPLES (D - Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
92	MATTHEW PETERSON (D - Rumford)	A	A	A	A	A	✓	A	A	A	A	✓	A	A	✓	**
145	JOSHUA PLANTE (D - Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
57	MATTHEW POULIOT (R - Augusta)	✓	✓	A	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	50%
101	CHRISTINE POWERS (D - Naples)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
63	CHARLES PRIEST (D - Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
111	JANE PRINGLE (D - Windham)	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
97	HELEN RANKIN (D - Hiram)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
23	ROGER REED (R - Carmel)	✓	✓	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
136	MEGAN ROCHELO (D - Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
74	MARGARET ROTUNDO (D - Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
120	DIANE RUSSELL (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	93%
151	DEANE RYKERSON (D - Kittery)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	86%
130	LINDA SANBORN (D - Gorham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
52	DEBORAH SANDERSON (R - Chelsea)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
5	ROBERT SAUCIER (D - Presque Isle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
64	JEREMY SAXTON (D - Harpswell)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
16	JOHN SCNECK (D - Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
102	MICHAEL SHAW (D - Standish)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	93%
29	STANLEY SHORT (D - Pittsfield)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
128	HEATHER SIROCKI (R - Scarborough)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
10	STEPHEN STANLEY (D - Medway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
114	PETER STUCKEY (D - Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
2	C. KENNETH THERIAULT (D - Madawaska)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
96	JEFFREY TIMBERLAKE (R - Turner)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
19	RYAN TIPPING-SPITZ (D - Orono)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
79	SHARON TREAT (D - Hallowell)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
11	BETH TURNER (R - Burlington)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	29%
110	THOMAS TYLER (R - Windham)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	36%
21	ARTHUR VERROW (D - Brewer)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	93%
98	LISA VILLA (D - Harrison)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	86%
127	AMY VOLK (R - Scarborough)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%
24	RAYMOND WALLACE (R - Dexter)	✓	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	21%
150	WINDOL WEAVER (R - York)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	36%
46	JOAN WELSH (D - Rockport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
70	R. WAYNE WERTS (D - Auburn)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	79%
7	ALEXANDER REGINALD WILLETTE (R - Mapleton)	✓	✓	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14%
56	COREY WILSON (R - Augusta)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	57%
50	ELLEN WINCHENBACH (R - Waldoboro)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	57%
95	TOM WINSOR (R - Norway)	✓	✓	X	A	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	43%
75	STEPHEN WOOD (R - Sabattus)	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21%