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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 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 Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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 Health and Human Services

LD 1497

An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

**PUBLIC 381
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON D VOLK A	OTP	

This bill amends the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to comply with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose certain information on missing or abducted children or youth to the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a national information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children and to provide notification of the removal of a child from the custody of a parent or custodian to all parents of a sibling of the child who have legal custody of the sibling. The bill also requires that permanency plans for children who are 14 years of age and older must determine the services needed to assist the children to make the transition from foster care to independent living.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 381 amends the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to comply with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose certain information on missing or abducted children or youth to the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a national information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children and to provide notification of the removal of a child from the custody of a parent or custodian to all parents of a sibling of the child who have legal custody of the sibling. It also requires that permanency plans for children who are 14 years of age and older must determine the services needed to assist the children to make the transition from foster care to independent living.

Public Law 2015, chapter 381 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 1, 2016.

LD 1498

An Act To Clarify Medicaid Ombudsman Services

PUBLIC 511

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VACHON K VOLK A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-620

Current law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract for ombudsman services for the Medicaid managed care population as long as nonstate funding is available. This bill retains that provision and establishes the ombudsman program in statute, describes the Medicaid managed care population and specifies the duties of the ombudsman program, which include providing services and outreach for members and eligible members of the Medicaid program and the state children's health insurance program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-620)

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It clarifies that the children's health insurance program is also known as Cubcare, CHIP and S-CHIP.
2. It clarifies that the definition of "outreach and education" includes workshops for members, eligible members and health care providers, social service providers and health insurance navigators, brokers and agents and that