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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 First Regular Session of the 128th 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 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 Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

**LD 1467 An Act To Expand Competitive Skills Scholarships and Strengthen
Maine's Workforce Development Programs ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E VACHON K	ONTP	

This bill makes a number of changes to the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program administered by the Department of Labor, including the following.

1. It doubles the current employer contribution rate to the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund.
2. It allocates an additional \$3,000,000 on an ongoing basis from the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund for the purpose of doubling the number of participants enrolled from the number of currently enrolled participants.
3. It dedicates 25% of the additional allocated funds per fiscal year for the use of program participants who are also participants in the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3104.
4. It makes changes to the criteria used to determine approved education and training under the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program, including consideration of employer input, changing demographics and traditional industries in the State in which innovations and new technologies are creating a demand for skilled workers.
5. It requires that a participant be given information about and assistance in applying for the family development account program under Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 4-A.
6. It also adds a requirement that a participant be offered comprehensive career planning services prior to the program's development of an individual career plan with the participant.

**LD 1468 An Act To Expand Application of the Maine State Housing Authority's
Arsenic Abatement Program ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M VACHON K	ONTP	

This bill specifies that the owner of a single-family home that is located on land owned by a member of the owner's immediate family is eligible under the Maine State Housing Authority's arsenic abatement program, which provides loans and grants to low-income single family homeowners with private well water that shows evidence of arsenic contamination.

The substance of this bill was included in Public Law 2017, chapter 234 (see LD 1340).

**LD 1477 An Act To Coordinate and Enforce Existing Workplace Training
Requirements PUBLIC 162**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AUSTIN S SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-344