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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1369

Resolve, To Promote High-quality Before-school and After-school Programs

RESOLVE 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROSE	OTP-AM	H-200

This resolve, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to create a study group to review and make recommendations for administrative or legislative action, or both, concerning ways to promote high-quality before-school and after-school programs through child care licensing and quality rating if those programs are "custodial" in nature as opposed to special purpose programs, such as a swimming team or other sports teams, which would be exempt from child care licensure under the proposals from the study group. The study group would also explore ways in which the State can maximize the effect of available funding on the broad community needs of school-age children and families to determine whether federal grants administered by the State can be instrumental in meeting the broader needs of children and families in the community, such as the social growth of children and the needs of working families, and effectively promoting cooperation with existing community programs serving school-age children and their families.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)

This amendment replaces the concept draft. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to review information and make recommendations on ways to provide high-quality before-school and after-school programs. It requires the department to invite specific groups and other interested parties to participate in the working group and to appoint a representative of the Maine After School Network as the chair of the working group. It charges the working group with reviewing the rules, standards and policies for the range of before-school and after-school programs for school-age children and making recommendations on standardizations, adjustments and needed collaboration to best serve the broad range of the needs of children and families within existing support systems for children and families.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 41 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to review information and make recommendations on ways to provide high-quality before-school and after-school programs. It requires the department to invite specific groups and other interested parties to participate in the working group and to appoint a representative of the Maine After School Network as the chair of the working group. It charges the working group with reviewing the rules, standards and policies for the range of before-school and after-school programs for school-age children and making recommendations on standardizations, adjustments and needed collaboration to best serve the broad range of the needs of children and families within existing support systems for children and families.

LD 1370

An Act Requiring Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill requires health care practitioners to provide the same consumer price information required of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers effective January 1, 2008.