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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during  
the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> 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 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

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:

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; 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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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 625      Resolve, To Ensure All Children Covered by MaineCare Receive Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services**

**RESOLVE 26**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS BOWMAN	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to form a work group to evaluate the current system for providing early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services in the State and to report the work group's findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 26 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to form a work group to evaluate the current system for providing early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services in the State and to report the work group's findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The resolve authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

**LD 637      An Act To Ensure Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

**Carried Over**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN SCHNEIDER		

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide health coverage under the MaineCare program for an adult with mental retardation or autism who is incapacitated and financially eligible for MaineCare.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by Joint Order, H.P. 1053. This bill was carried over in order to obtain data on waiting lists, unmet needs, trends in providing services, planning for future needs and initiatives in other states.

**LD 654      Resolve, To Review Statutes, Rules and Policies Regarding Mental Retardation, Pervasive Developmental Disorders and Other Cognitive and Developmental Disorders**

**RESOLVE 123**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WEBSTER BRANNIGAN	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to complete its work conducted pursuant to Resolves 2007, chapter 78 regarding the review of laws, rules and policies regarding services, definitions, limitations, eligibility and levels of care for adults with mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorders and other cognitive and developmental disorders and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to the recommendations of the working group to