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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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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 Second Regular Session of the 124th 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 to a subsequent session of the Legislature
r # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
House & Senate disagree; bill died
s ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
AGEEmergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
Bill failed to get majority vote
Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died
Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
Bill held by Governor
Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 1700 An Act Concerning Statewide Communications Interoperability

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CROCKETT P BLISS Committee Report ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN Amendments Adopted

H-775

This bill requires that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology ensure that, in meeting the purposes set forth in the law establishing the Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund, the ability of state agencies and agencies of county and local government to communicate with one another is in no way diminished, and the counties and local units of government are not required to replace or upgrade their equipment at their own expense solely in order to maintain their ability to communicate with state agencies. The bill also requires that a portion of the Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund, which is financing the statewide radio and network system used by state agencies, is used to reimburse county and local governments for the purchase of radio equipment necessary for them to communicate on the new network.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)

This amendment, which is the minority report, removes the requirement for the Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund to reimburse counties and local units of government for purchasing radio equipment necessary for counties and local units of government to communicate on the new statewide radio and network system. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to ensure that the ability of county and local governments to communicate with state agencies is enhanced whenever possible and is not significantly diminished under the new statewide radio and network system.

LD 1703	Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice	RESOLVE 204
	Task Force	EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HASKELL GERZOFSKY	OTP-AM	H-708 S-498 GERZOFSKY
		5-476 UERZOFSKI

This emergency resolve implements the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force. The resolve includes directives to the Departments of Corrections, Education, Health and Human Services and Labor to develop a statewide coordinated services district system by June 1, 2010. The system will be responsible for coordinating and implementing service delivery initiatives for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates, reducing the number of youth in the juvenile justice system, reducing child abuse and neglect and increasing employment opportunities for youth. The resolve also directs the system to work with the Children's Cabinet.

The resolve directs that by December 1, 2010, the Department of Corrections shall design and implement two demonstration projects that use a capitated funding model to provide services for youth who are in the juvenile justice system. The specific goals for the demonstration projects are to increase school completion and reduce the use of detention and incarceration. The demonstration projects shall include access to a full array of in-home and out-of-home placements and substance abuse and mental health services. The demonstration projects shall work with the coordinated services district system developed under Section 1 and the Children's Cabinet to coordinate services and to ensure flexible funding and timely response and provision of services. The demonstration projects must be