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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

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Health and Human Services to update the monitoring program's online enrollment mechanism for prescribers of controlled substances and directs the department to take action to enable those prescribers to renew professional applications online. It appropriates funding to implement electronic coding necessary to update the monitoring program's computer system. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek outside funding if funding is insufficient to complete the update.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-531)**

This amendment removes the appropriations and allocations section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 587 implements the recommendations of the Substance Abuse Services Commission with regard to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 25. The law repeals provisions of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program that pertain to specific participation requirements. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to update the enrollment mechinism for prescribers of controlled substances who are registering with the program or are renewing registration. The law requires the department to update its computer system to allow subaccount holders and delegated account holders access to the database using the online application process. The law requires updating of the computer system to enable licensing data to be extracted on a scheduled basis and transferred to the program in order to allow for some automated enrollment. The law allows the Department of Health and Human Services to seek outside funding if funding is insufficient to complete the update.

Public Law 2013, chapter 587 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2014.

| LD 1842 | An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|---|---|---|
| GILLWAY | ONTP | |
| HAMPER | OTP-AM | |

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

1. It removes the provision that prohibits a person from being sanctioned under the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for failure to participate in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program if that failure to participate is based on good cause.

2. It removes the 24-month limit on education, training and treatment for participants in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

3. It eliminates the Parents as Scholars Program.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-790)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, retains the provision of current law that prohibits a person from being sanctioned under the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program if the person is a victim of domestic violence.