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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 127th 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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 Judiciary

LD 1238

An Act To Allow the Release of Child Protective Records to Certain Providers of Child and Adult Services

PUBLIC 194

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY SANDERSON	OTP-AM	S-231

This bill amends the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to make it clear that, in addition to searching and providing information in its records to professional and occupational licensing boards, the Department of Health and Human Services also may provide information for a person or employer to conduct background or employment-related screening for persons to engage in child-related activities or employment or activities or employment relating to disabled adults. This change is based on the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-231)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 194 amends the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to make it clear that, in addition to searching and providing information in its records to professional and occupational licensing boards, the Department of Health and Human Services also may provide information for a person or employer to conduct background or employment-related screening for persons to engage in child-related activities or employment or activities or employment relating to disabled adults. This change is based on the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

LD 1241 An Act To Increase Government Efficiency

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ HARLOW	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to conduct public proceedings with one or more members of the board or commission participating via remote access technology in certain circumstances.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-276)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the bill to bar remote participation in executive sessions of the board and authorities subject to the bill and lists specific and limited situations when a member may participate remotely in the public proceedings.

This bill was reported out of committee, then committed back to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.