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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 Second 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.

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 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 First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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 Health and Human Services

LD 1267 An Act To Assist Working Families with Young Children

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE A MILLETT R	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to leverage all available federal child care development funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment repeals unallocated language in Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part UU that set the child care subsidy reimbursement rates at the 50th percentile of local market rates. This amendment increases the reimbursement rates to the 60th percentile of local market rates beginning on August 1, 2016, the implementation date for the new child care and development fund plan for Maine.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1268 An Act To Reform Welfare by Establishing Bridges to Sustainable Employment

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE A HASKELL A	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing public assistance, which are intended to provide bridges to employment.

1. Child care assistance begins on the date of application if the applicant is eligible.
2. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to establish rules to provide uninterrupted access to subsidized child care for eligible persons with irregular hours of employment.
3. It provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, benefits and alternative aid benefits to two-parent families based on the same eligibility requirements as single-parent families have.
4. It changes the income amounts for TANF recipients who have employment earnings that are disregarded in calculating TANF benefits.
5. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to set up specialized navigator services related to employment in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program so that families receiving TANF benefits understand how earned income affects benefit levels and work supports.