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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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

- 1. More clearly defining the requirement that the persons be eligible under the so-called Sections 21 and 29 waivers, without referring to departmental rule citations that may change over time; and
- 2. Providing that reimbursement is in addition to any home and community-based support benefits provided to a person and may not be included in any cap or other limitation on the home and community-based support benefits that the person may receive.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 166 An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Child Care Services

PUBLIC 412

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N HANDY J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-407

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session.

This bill repeals unallocated language in Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part UU that set the child care subsidy payment rates of the Department of Health and Human Services at the 50th percentile of local market rates. This bill increases the payment rates to the 75th percentile of local market rates for payments the department makes on behalf of recipients of benefits under the child care subsidy program, recipients of benefits under TANF and recipients of benefits under ASPIRE-TANF.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-407)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment requires that any additional federal funding received in a child care and development block grant due to the passage of the federal Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, PL 115-123, and any subsequent funding legislation, must be applied to increasing reimbursement rates to child care centers up to the 75th percentile of local market rates for child care services. Payment rates for children with special needs may be higher. Family child care providers are already being reimbursed at the 75th percentile. This amendment increases rates to child care centers, according to the amount of increased discretionary funding received, up to the 75th percentile.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 412 requires that any additional federal funding received in a child care and development block grant due to the passage of the federal Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, PL 115-123, and any subsequent funding legislation, must be applied to increasing reimbursement rates to child care centers up to the 75th percentile of local market rates for child care services. Payment rates for children with special needs may be higher. Family child care providers are already being reimbursed at the 75th percentile. Public Law 2017, chapter 412 increases rates to child care centers, according to the amount of increased discretionary funding received, up to the 75th percentile.

LD 186 An Act To Improve Peer Support Services

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D		

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to improve peer support services provided to consumers of mental health services who are clients of the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 230 An Act To Increase Access to Head Start

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R MCELWEE C	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	S-66

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table. This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748,

This bill provides funding for the delivery of Head Start services.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-67)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the funding from the General Fund to the Federal Block Grant Fund, with the funds to be delivered through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It incorporates a fiscal note.

The substance of this amendment was incorporated in Public Law 2017, chapter 284.

LD 238 An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

**PUBLIC 447
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	OTP-AM	S-443

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session and then carried over to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-443)

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment: