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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 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 226 An Act To Protect and Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill authorizes the State to accept federal funds to provide health insurance coverage to adults with incomes equal to or below 133% plus 5% of the nonfarm income official federal poverty line for the applicable family size. The bill provides for persons with incomes equal to or below 100% of the nonfarm income official poverty line to receive coverage through the MaineCare program. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to seek approval to provide that persons with income levels over 100% of the federal poverty line and up to 133% of the federal poverty line may receive coverage from a private health insurance plan or other mechanisms. In the event that the commissioner uses this authority, the bill provides that any funds made available from unexpended state matching funds must be used to help ensure that those persons with income levels between 100% and 133% of the federal poverty line receive affordable and comprehensive health coverage. The bill provides for measures to be taken in the event that federal funding is reduced, so that the Legislature may act promptly to address the consequences of this action. The bill also authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with health insurance plans to provide coverage in order to maximize savings and to ensure access to and quality of services. The bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for and accept private foundation grants to be used to cover the cost of preparing and submitting any waivers and state plan amendments to the Federal Government required as a result of expanding health care coverage.

The bill sets forth time standards for the start of the expansion of health care coverage, for submission of requests to obtain necessary federal approvals and for ongoing reporting to the Legislature during the start-up phase of this expansion. The bill requires further reporting on the status of any savings generated to state-funded programs as a result of this expansion. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services to report no later than 60 days following the end of the first 12 months of enrollment under the expansion on revenues generated as a result of expanded coverage. It requires that savings and revenues be verified by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review within 90 days after the end of the first 12 months of enrollment under the expansion. It transfers any savings to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund prior to the next fiscal year. It requires the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

LD 230 An Act To Increase Access to Head Start

CARRIED OVER

<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 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