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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

6. Repeals specific provisions of law regarding municipal authority to establish a moratorium on registered primary caregivers near schools and municipal authority to regulate dispensaries. The amendment instead enacts a new provision of law that allows municipalities to regulate registered primary caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and marijuana manufacturing facilities, except that municipalities are not allowed to prohibit or limit the number of registered primary caregivers.

Public Law 2017, chapter 447 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2018.

LD 267 Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-21

This resolve 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 resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than \$30 per treatment. The rules are routine technical rules and must be amended no later than January 1, 2018.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2018, to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 15 to increase reimbursement rates for chiropractic services for manipulative treatments under procedure codes 98940, 98941 and 98942 to no less than 70% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017. If the department conducts a rate study of chiropractic services for manipulative treatments, the department may adopt new rates. The rules adopted are routine technical rules. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 270 An Act To Support Kinship Families by Creating a Kinship Care Navigator Program Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICCHIOTTI J	OTP-AM	H-673

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 requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to appoint one person to administer all issues related to the placement of a child with a relative.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-673)

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

This amendment establishes a kinship care navigator program to be contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide educational information, referrals and support to persons providing kinship care to children. It provides that funding will be drawn from federal funds, if available, and through the General Fund.

LD 272 An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Teenagers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HYMANSON P	ONTP	

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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education to adopt rules requiring that students 11 years of age or older and under 20 years of age receive meningococcal meningitis immunizations.

The substance of this bill was incorporated in LD 1664.

LD 274 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To PUBLIC 457
Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J HILL D	OTP-AM	H-686 S-526 HAMPER J

This bill was reported out of committee and then recommitted to the committee in the First Regular Session. It was then carried over to the Second Regular Session. The bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill implements the recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers. The bill clarifies requirements for criminal background checks for child care providers and child care staff members.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-534)

This amendment is one of two minority reports of the committee during the First Regular Session. It provides that an individual who is not supervised by a child care staff member of a family child care provider or child care facility who has passed the required criminal background check under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, sections 8302-A and 8302-B and who has access to children who are cared for or supervised by a child care facility or family child care provider is required to pass a criminal background check pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 9858f(b). It also provides that a person who provides day care in that person's home for one or two children whose care is paid for by state or federal funds is required to pass a criminal background check pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 9858f(b). It provides that the cost of the required criminal background checks under Title 22, sections 8302-A and 8302-B be paid for by the Department of Health and Human Services from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, as amended by the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105. It grants the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to request state and national criminal history information, including fingerprint-based criminal history information, for certain child care providers and staff members. It establishes a temporary waiver process when the background check requirement presents a hardship for the child care provider. The rules adopted by the department must minimize the impact of the temporary waiver on the safety of the children receiving child care services. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.