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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

PART JJJJJJ provides that at least 50% of the increase in the state share of the total cost of public education must be used to lower the local contributions to the total cost of education under specified conditions.

PART KKKKKKK requires the State Controller to carry forward into the following fiscal year for each year of the biennium any remaining balance in the Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program.

PART LLLLLLL provides additional funding for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund in each year of the biennium through specified transfers from the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART MMMMMM requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the rates, proportional to the additional funding provided, for home-based and community-based personal care and related services referenced in the February 1, 2016 report "Rate Review for Personal Care and Related Services: Final Rate Models" prepared for the department by Burns & Associates, Inc. and for certain procedure codes provided in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 21 and 29.

PART NNNNNNN makes changes to the statutes relating to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, food supplement program, MaineCare, TANF and ASPIRE-TANF programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART QQQQQQQ authorizes the issuance of payroll checks to employees of the executive branch departments and independent agencies, the Legislature and the Judicial Department who were declared emergency personnel during the civil emergency based on the Governor's declaration of a civil emergency and who were not declared emergency personnel and were prohibited from working during the civil emergency based on the Governor's declaration of a civil emergency.

PART RRRRRRR adds duties for the Maine Children's Growth Council.

PART SSSSSSS prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from beginning any rule-making procedure connected with rate reductions for reimbursement levels under Rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65 through June 30, 2019, unless legislative approval has been received.

Public Law 2017, chapter 284 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 4, 2017.

LD 391

An Act To Provide Funding for Maine Public

**Leave to Withdraw
Pursuant to Joint
Rule**

Sponsor(s)
JORGENSEN E
MILLETT R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides ongoing funds to maintain the annual funding levels to Maine Public, formerly known as Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.