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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.

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LD 561 An Act To Remove the Requirement That Child Care Facility Workers and Family Child Care Providers Submit to Criminal Background Checks CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI H		

This bill removes the requirement that a family child care provider, the staff of a family child care provider or child care facility or other adult who has unsupervised access to children who are cared for or supervised by the family child care provider or child care facility undergo a criminal background check.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 562 An Act Concerning the Department of Health and Human Services CARRIED OVER

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

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

This bill proposes to enact or amend laws or provide for the adoption or amendment of rules concerning the Department of Health and Human Services.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 565 An Act To Address Maine's Opiate Addiction Crisis CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B		

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

This bill proposes to address issues related to the opiate addiction crisis in the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 566 An Act To Improve Access to High-quality Child Care by Increasing Child Care Rates CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R POULIOT M		

This bill sets the reimbursement rates for child care services under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant program and the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment, or ASPIRE, program at the

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federally recommended rate of the 75th percentile of local market rates. It also allocates federal funding for the increase to the block grant and ASPIRE programs.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 567 An Act To Ensure Timely Expenditure of Federal Funds in the ONTP
Department of Health and Human Services

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARKER J	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to spend federal funds within one year of receiving those funds except when the time frame for expenditure is specified otherwise by the federal government.

LD 582 An Act To Provide for Timely Physical Examinations of Children Veto Sustained
Entering State Custody

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G TUCKER R	OTP-AM ONTP	S-85

This bill shortens the time requirement for the physical examination of a child ordered into the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services from 10 days after the department's custody of the child commences to three days and allows a physician's assistant to conduct the examination. It also requires, within 60 days after the department's custody of a child commences, that the child receives an appointment for a comprehensive medical, dental, educational and mental health assessment by a licensed pediatrician and a licensed child psychologist and that reimbursement, including reimbursement for obtaining and reviewing relevant records, is provided under MaineCare for the assessment. The department is directed to adopt routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-85)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the requirement for a comprehensive medical, dental, educational and mental health assessment of a child entering the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services that is in the bill. It retains the shortening of the time requirement for an appointment to be made for a medical examination from 10 days to three days but adds a requirement that the examination must take place within ten days of the child's entering custody.

LD 605 An Act To Support Evidence-based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VACHON K WOODSOME D		

This bill provides funding for primary care patient-centered medical homes and behavioral health providers that provide evidence-based, integrated medication-assisted treatment to uninsured patients with opioid use disorder to cover costs of intensive, intermediate and long-term treatment.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.