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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

LD 812

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session. The resolve 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 resolve establishes a pilot project in Washington County to provide treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders. It provides \$1,600,000 in funding over the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to report on the planning and implementation of the pilot project to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than November 30, 2018, and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-444)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It amends the proposed Washington County Substance Use Disorder Pilot Project in the following ways.

1. It establishes the pilot project under the Department of Health and Human Services working with local organizations, with Healthy Acadia as the lead organization. The department is required to assist Healthy Acadia with seeking federal funding for the pilot project.
2. It requires the establishment of a central coordinating telephone system available to anyone in Washington County at any time to assist individuals with accessing services related to substance use disorder treatment and recovery. Individuals receiving the phone calls must be qualified to provide counseling services to all callers in addition to providing referrals.
3. It requires the establishment of a coordinating council made up of representatives of persons and organizations in the area involved in the health and welfare of Washington County residents. The council is responsible for providing a coordinated system of services for prevention, treatment and recovery for substance use disorder.
4. It requires the establishment of a recovery coach coordinator position. The coordinator is required to establish a system of recovery coaches available in all areas of the treatment and recovery system in Washington County and provide education and support to volunteer recovery coaches.
5. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct an evaluation of the success of the pilot project in Washington County. The department must report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the evaluation no later than March 1, 2021.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-481)

Committee Amendment "A" requires the Department of Health and Human Services to work with Healthy Acadia to establish a central coordinating telephone system located in Washington County no later than October 1, 2018. This amendment requires that the central coordinating telephone system be established when federal grant funding is obtained.