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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Part J provides additional funding for the Judicial Department to establish a new drug court in the State for up to 30 participants or to expand by up to 30 the number of participants served by existing drug courts in the State. It also provides funding for the case management and ancillary services provided to drug court participants by the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Part K allows employees at state correctional facilities that close who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age. It also requires the Commissioner of Department of Corrections to notify the retirement system of the date of closure and provides for the funding for the unfunded actuarial liability of the additional retirement benefits to be provided through a one-time increase Department's employer contribution rate. Similar provisions are contained in LD 177 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Part L establishes the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services to examine the national trends and relevant models of governing and delivering early childhood special education systems and the short-term and long-term costs and benefits to the Department of Education's proposed plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and to make recommendations for an early childhood special education services program plan. An appropriations and allocations section is included to provide \$3,700,000 in the second year of the biennium to address the Child Development Services System budgetary shortfall. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1870 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and Senate Amendment "A" thereto.

Part M establishes a residential housing lead abatement program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to municipalities and to housing units and housing projects that meet specified eligibility standards. Priority for lead abatement projects funded by the program is given to residences occupied by children who have tested positive for lead poisoning. The program is funded by a one-time allocation of \$4,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1542 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Part N restores funding on a one-time basis to Maine's school-based health centers to the level of funding provided in fiscal year 2016-17 and allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature providing ongoing funding to school-based health centers. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1710 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and House Amendment "A".

Public Law 2017, chapter 460 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2018.

LD 953

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Biomass Industry

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JACKSON T MARTIN J | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide support for the biomass industry in this State through the establishment of a revolving loan fund for capital investment in biomass generators or similar facilities. The fund is administered by the Public Utilities Commission.