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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

**LD 1414**

**An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R ROSEN K		

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

It proposes to enact measures designed to ensure the availability in county jails of in-person visitation between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner. In addition to requiring that all prisoners have the opportunity for in-person visits in county jails, such measures may include:

1. Limiting conditions on in-person visits to only those conditions and limitations required for safety and security, except that the jail may provide video-only visitation if needed for a particular prisoner's safety and security or may provide video-only visitation on a short-term basis if the jail is unable to provide a safe and secure location for in-person visitation;
2. Requiring opportunities for informal communication between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, including opportunities for physical contact, and prohibiting the use of devices that preclude physical contact except in cases of substantiated security risk; or
3. Establishing a minimum number of in-person visit opportunities per week; requiring that video visitation be used only as a supplement to, and not a replacement of, in-person visitation; ensuring that video visitation service fees are affordable for prisoners and their families; and using, as a reward for good behavior, a certain number of free video visits per month.

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

**LD 1415**

**An Act To Provide Additional Deductions from a Sentence of Imprisonment for Completion of Education, Mental Health Treatment and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R ROSEN K		

This bill provides for deductions from a prison sentence based on achievement of goals in a person's transition plan for educational, vocational, career or technical training programs or mental health treatment or substance abuse treatment programs for a person who commits a crime on or after October 1, 2017. The deductions are earned upon achievement of a transition plan goal and may not be denied or withdrawn based on consideration of disciplinary factors or daily attendance or a decision of an employee of the Department of Corrections. A person may earn only one deduction per sentence of imprisonment. The goals and the deductions are: for achievement of a high school equivalency diploma, a deduction of 90 days from the sentence; for achievement of an adult high school diploma, a deduction of 120 days; for achievement of an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education, a deduction of 180 days; for achievement of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, a deduction of 365 days; for achievement of completion of a vocational, career or technical training program authorized and approved by the department, a deduction of 60 days; for achievement of completion of a mental health program and treatment course, a deduction of 60 days; and for achievement of completion of a substance abuse program and treatment course, a deduction of 60 days.