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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

affordable for prisoners and their families; and using, as a reward for good behavior, a certain number of free video visits per month.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-618)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It requires the sheriff of a county jail to provide for in-person visitation between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff.

The amendment authorizes a sheriff to restrict a particular prisoner to video-only visitation upon a determination that allowing in-person visitation for that prisoner may jeopardize the safety and security of the jail. It also requires the sheriff to provide opportunities for in-person visitation involving physical contact between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff.

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 Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The 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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-719)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and authorizes a person sentenced on or after January 1, 2019 and committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections to earn deductions for certain specified educational achievements and completions of treatment.