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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Department of Health and Human Services to fund treatment for individuals without insurance and develop a rate of reimbursement that takes into account the multiple parts of treatment an individual with a substance use disorder requires in addition to medication. It directs the Department of Labor to develop a career center program to assist individuals in treatment for substance use disorders or in recovery with career planning and taking advantage of employment opportunities. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop assessment measures to evaluate performance and present a report on progress, implementation and assessment to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2020.

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

LD 1433

An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN C MILLET R	OTP-AM	H-516

This bill requires school administrative units to test schools for radon every five years. It requires the school administrative unit to take action to mitigate the affected areas if radon levels are above a certain level. It requires that the school administrative unit must notify parents, faculty and staff of test results and must report test results to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report these results every five years to the Legislature and the Governor.

The bill also requires school administrative units to build new schools using radon-resistant new construction techniques as recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-516)

This amendment provides that radon testing in schools must comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's recommended testing standards for schools. It allocates money from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to pay for the schools' radon testing costs. It removes the provisions in the bill that require schools to mitigate radon levels in areas with high levels of radon. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 1435

An Act To Ensure Transparency in the Distribution of Federal Block Grant Funds

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services annually to develop and submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs proposed plans for expenditures of federal block grant funds including a description of current expenditures of federal block grant funds and how the department proposes to change any expenditure. Under the bill, the department may not make an expenditure from any federal block grant unless the expenditure is recommended by the joint standing committee and approved by the Legislature. When the Legislature is not in session, the bill authorizes the department to make an expenditure if the Commissioner of Health and Human Services determines that the expenditure is necessary to