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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 129<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 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 115      An Act To Appropriate Funds for Home Visiting Services To Provide      CARRIED OVER**  
**Child Development Education and Skills Development for New Parents**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN M	OTP-AM	H-137

This bill appropriates funds for home visiting services to provide child development education and skills development for new parents.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, directs the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated to use state funds it receives to maximize its receipt of federal funds. This amendment also adds an appropriation of funds to stabilize the workforce by bringing salaries of home visitors in line with comparable positions. It reduces the additional funding provided in the bill for home visiting services from \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2019-20 and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2020-21 to \$500,000 for each year and provides that the funding must be used to reduce any waiting lists for home visiting services. It directs these funds to go to the Maine Children's Trust.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 129      An Act To Protect a Child from Misuse of Identity      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M LIBBY N	ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to protect a child from the misuse of the identity of the child for household, business or commercial purposes. The rules must provide for releases to make an inquiry, to review information and to refer a matter to the Attorney General if the department finds that a child's identity has been misused. The bill requires the department to report by April 1st each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the results of child identity inquiries, reviews of information and referrals.

**LD 142      An Act To Increase Funding for the Fund for a Healthy Maine To      ONTP**  
**Reduce Smoking**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAMLICH L CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This bill adjusts funding between the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program and the Medical Care Payments to Providers program in the Fund for a Healthy Maine within the Department of Health and Human Services to fund tobacco cessation services.