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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 129th 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 129th 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 181 An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Health and Human Services To Support Free Health Clinics in the State

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH D	ONTP OTP-AM	H-11

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides funding to support free health clinics in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the health clinics being funded provide all services to the public at no charge. It also clarifies that the additional funding in the bill is only in the 2020-21 biennium and the funding is distributed through a request for proposals.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 227 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the State's Public Health Infrastructure

RESOLVE 114

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-667

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to strengthen the State's public health infrastructure by:

1. Identifying community-level geographic regions where essential public health services, including competent and qualified comprehensive community health coalitions, can be funded equitably;
2. Ensuring that basic and essential public health services be delivered in each public health district and tribal health district;
3. Identifying emerging nonclinical public health workers, including community health workers, community paramedics, recovery coaches and resiliency coaches, who can strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery;
4. Facilitating, when possible, the integration and collaboration of public and private public health professionals with public safety professionals and emergency preparedness professionals; and
5. Enabling the operation of public health professionals, public safety professionals and emergency preparedness professionals as a cohesive and coordinated public health team to improve the visibility and understanding of public

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health among Maine children and adults.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-667)

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve. It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to review, with stakeholder input, the State's public health infrastructure and develop recommendations to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery and to submit a report with those recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolves 2019, chapter 114 directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to review, with stakeholder input, the State's public health infrastructure and develop recommendations to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery and to submit a report with those recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

LD 231 An Act To Improve Public Health by Maximizing Federal Funding Opportunities ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A CARSON B	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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

This bill proposes to increase federal funding to improve the State's public health outcomes and workforce by designating the Maine Public Health Institute within the University of Southern Maine's Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service as an agent of the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of applying for federal funds to support public health research and programming. To provide guidance to the Maine Public Health Institute in carrying out this duty, this bill would establish an advisory board composed of officials from the department, including the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and representatives of statewide public health organizations and care providers. The bill would require that the Maine Public Health Institute report every two years to the department and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 232 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment HELD BY GOVERNOR

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-707