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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*

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 408      Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To  
Develop a Plan for Neurobehavioral Beds**

**RESOLVE 88**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN C BELLOWS S	OTP-AM	H-471

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide by September 1, 2020, 16 new neurobehavioral beds in one or more neurobehavioral centers to serve individuals with significant behavioral challenges and complex medical needs who need short-term evaluation and treatment before transitioning to a long-term care environment in either the community or a long-term care facility.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-294)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

This resolve was reported out of committee with this amendment and then recommitted to committee.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-471)**

This amendment is the unanimous report of the committee after the bill was recommitted. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to provide up to 16 new neurobehavioral beds in the State to serve individuals with brain injury and accompanying significant behavioral challenges who need short-term treatment for no longer than one year before transitioning to a long-term care environment. These individuals must be unable to be served appropriately in the community or in a nursing facility lacking specialized neurobehavioral services but must not need hospitalization. The department shall submit a report with the plan, together with any necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2020. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 88 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to provide up to 16 new neurobehavioral beds in the State to serve individuals with brain injury and accompanying significant behavioral challenges who need short-term treatment for no longer than one year before transitioning to a long-term care environment. These individuals must be unable to be served appropriately in the community or in a nursing facility lacking specialized neurobehavioral services but must not need hospitalization. The department shall submit a report with the plan, together with any necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 30, 2020. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 414      An Act To Increase the Number of Intensive Case Managers**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DODGE J HERBIG E	OTP-AM	H-196