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STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSIONS



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.

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**LD 968**      **An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021**      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to make supplemental appropriations and allocations and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 969**      **An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to make supplemental appropriations and allocations and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 1000**      **An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**      **PUBLIC 4  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D BREEN C	OTP-AM	H-6

PART A of the bill makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D repeals the laws governing the former Downeast Correctional Facility and establishes a Department of

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Corrections prerelease center in Washington County.

PART E transfers the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART F transfers any remaining balance specifically related to federal supplemental nutrition assistance program overpayments in the Food Supplement Administration program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Food Supplement Administration program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART G imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill.

PART A of the amendment makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D provides that the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission may not be transferred without legislature approval.

PART E requires the State Controller to transfer any remaining balance specifically related to federal supplemental nutrition assistance program overpayments in the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART F imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 4 does the following.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D provides that the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission may not be transferred without legislature approval.

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PART F imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

Public Law 2019, chapter 4 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2019.

**LD 1001     An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021**

**PUBLIC 343  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D BREEN C	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	H-586

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill as emergency legislation proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5.

The summary below does not include changes or additions proposed by the Governor’s “Change Package.”

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes for fiscal year 2019-20 the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage.

PART D renames the Governor's Office of Policy and Management as the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

PART E authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount up to \$55,000,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

PART F revises the selection of the chair of the Revenue Forecasting Committee, beginning in calendar year 2019, to designation by the 6 members, from among the members excluding the State Budget Officer, on a rotating basis for a 2-year term. The exclusion is to avoid a conflict with the duties of the State Budget Officer established in current law that include convening a meeting of the Revenue Forecasting Committee if new information becomes available.

PART G implements background investigations for certain individuals with a business need to receive federal tax information, in order to meet United States Internal Revenue Service standards. This Part also expands background checks to apply to all employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services. It also corrects numerous lettering conflicts that occurred when two separate public laws enacted substantively different laws with the same paragraph letters.

PART H sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund for state-municipal revenue sharing at 2.5% in fiscal year