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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 resolve establishes a pilot project in Washington County to provide treatment and recovery services for people with substance use disorder. The pilot project is established under the Department of Health and Human Services. The department is required to work with Healthy Acadia to develop the pilot project. The department is required to assist Healthy Acadia with seeking federal funding for the pilot project. The pilot project requires the establishment of a central coordinating telephone system available to anyone in Washington County at any time to assist individuals with accessing services related to substance use disorder treatment and recovery. Individuals receiving the phone calls must be qualified to provide counseling services to all callers in addition to providing referrals. The pilot project establishes a coordinating council made up of representatives of the community and organizations in the area involved in the health and welfare of Washington County residents. The council is responsible for providing a coordinated system of services for substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery and for developing and implementing a recovery resource fund to provide additional individualized services as part of a wraparound continuum of support and services. It requires the department to report on the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 30, 2020.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)**

This amendment changes the dates in the resolve for the central coordinating telephone system to be established and the evaluation report to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 98 establishes a pilot project in Washington County to provide treatment and recovery services for people with substance use disorder. The pilot project is established under the Department of Health and Human Services. The department is required to work with Healthy Acadia to develop the pilot project. The department is required to assist Healthy Acadia with seeking federal funding for the pilot project. The pilot project requires the establishment of a central coordinating telephone system available to anyone in Washington County at any time to assist individuals with accessing services related to substance use disorder treatment and recovery. Individuals receiving the phone calls must be qualified to provide counseling services to all callers in addition to providing referrals. The pilot project establishes a coordinating council made up of representatives of the community and organizations in the area involved in the health and welfare of Washington County residents. The council is responsible for providing a coordinated system of services for substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery and for developing and implementing a recovery resource fund to provide additional individualized services as part of a wraparound continuum of support and services. It requires the department to report on the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 30, 2022.

Resolve 2019, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2019.

**LD 1006**

### **Resolve, To Require the Development of Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities Based on Social Determinants**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to present to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services an action plan detailing strategies for reducing health disparities based on social determinants.