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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 1007      Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Certain Behavioral Health Professionals**

**RESOLVE 99**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D SANBORN L	OTP-AM	H-499

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures to expand and enhance the State's behavioral health direct care workforce, including, but not limited to, community-based mental health rehabilitation technicians, direct support professionals and behavioral health professionals.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-499)**

This amendment replaces the concept draft with a resolve. It changes the educational requirements for behavioral health professionals providing children's home and community-based treatment to replace the requirement for a bachelor's degree to a minimum of 60 credit hours in a related field, 90 credit hours in an unrelated field combined with a plan for supervision and training or a high school diploma or equivalent with three years of experience working in the field combined with a plan for supervision and training. The educational requirements do not change the required behavioral health professional training or the prescribed time frames for that training. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend or establish contracts for training behavioral health professionals to train any additional individuals within existing resources, and authorizes the department to opt to charge individuals or their employers fees for training.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 99 changes the educational requirements for behavioral health professionals providing children's home and community-based treatment from requiring a bachelor's degree to a minimum of 60 credit hours in a related field, 90 credit hours in an unrelated field combined with a plan for supervision and training or a high school diploma or equivalent with three years of experience working in the field combined with a plan for supervision and training. The resolve also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend or establish contracts for training behavioral health professionals to train any additional individuals within existing resources, and authorizes the department to opt to charge individuals or their employers fees for training.

**LD 1012      An Act To Provide Stable Funding and Support for Child Care Providers**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R GATTINE D	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-211

This bill amends the child care services provisions in the following ways.

1. It establishes graduated quality differential rates for steps two to four in the four-step child care quality rating system currently required by law.
2. It requires that contracts with providers of child care services prioritize infants, toddlers and preschool children up to four years of age in a variety of ways.
3. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a shared services program for providers of child care services to realize efficiencies and achieve financial sustainability by sharing administrative and program services and costs.