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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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

create family-friendly workplaces by providing, for all full-time employees, advancement and leadership opportunities; the same pay rates for similar work; stipends or assistance for child care; paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child and medical care for employees or family members of employees; flexible work accommodations for other family obligations; and health insurance and retirement plan options. The awards are presented by the Governor and come with a logo that a designated employer may use for promotional purposes.

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

LD 1056 An Act To Update and Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act

PUBLIC 160

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R HERBIG E	OTP-AM	H-224

This bill does the following.

1. It amends the Finance Authority of Maine Act by removing various references to bond financing for major business expansion projects and eliminating that financing.
2. It reallocates the bonding authority for securing the Finance Authority of Maine's capital reserve funds supporting other programs.
3. It removes definitions pertaining to the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund, which was repealed in 2013. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)**

This amendment increases the maximum amount of insurance the Finance Authority of Maine may provide to related entities from \$7,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 160 does the following.

1. It amends the Finance Authority of Maine Act by removing various references to bond financing for major business expansion projects and eliminating that financing.
2. It reallocates the bonding authority for securing the Finance Authority of Maine's capital reserve funds supporting other programs.
3. It removes definitions pertaining to the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund, which was repealed in 2013.
4. It increases the maximum amount of insurance the Finance Authority of Maine may provide to related entities from \$7,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

LD 1087 An Act To Keep Maine Businesses Competitive

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	ONTP	

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to keep Maine businesses competitive.

LD 1136 An Act To Provide Snow Sports Safety Information to Consumers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires a ski area operator to annually create a safety plan for the ski area and make that plan accessible to the public. It also requires ski area operators to report on skiing accidents from the previous year and make those reports accessible to the public.

**LD 1160 An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State PUBLIC 166
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHARPE B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-258

This bill transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-258)

This amendment retains language in the current statute allowing for funds to be deposited with and maintained by other state agencies. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 166 transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State, requires funds to be deposited with and maintained by the Treasurer or other state agency and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Public Law, 2019, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2019.

LD 1193 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E KINNEY M		

This resolve directs the Maine Community College System to evaluate the unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with the goal of providing additional capacity for training in industries with identified employee shortages. The Maine Community College System is required to submit a report with