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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 Health and Human Services

Department of Health and Human Services must report these results every five years to the Governor and the Legislature.

The bill also requires school administrative units to build new schools and buildings using radon-resistant new construction techniques as recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251)

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, removes the requirement in the bill that school administrative units test for radon, but allows school administrative units to test for radon. It provides that any testing and new school construction must comply with rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services instead of recommendations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 172 allows school administrative units to test schools and other buildings for radon every five years. The radon testing must comply with the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services testing standards. A school administrative unit must notify parents, faculty and staff of the test results and must report test results to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department of Health and Human Services must report these results every five years to the Governor and the Legislature. The law also requires school administrative units to build new schools and buildings using radon-resistant new construction techniques.

LD 1094 An Act To Increase Funding for the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program

PUBLIC 520

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill provides funding for additional staffing for the child welfare services ombudsman program in the Executive Department.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-180)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment preserves the portion of the bill that provides additional staffing for the child welfare services ombudsman program in the Executive Department and adds funding for leasing office space and purchasing necessary office supplies for the program staff. It also changes the title.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)

This amendment reduces the amount in the appropriations and allocations section to fund one additional person in the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program and corresponding office equipment rather than four additional persons in the original bill and committee amendment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 520 provides funding for one additional staff person and corresponding office equipment for the child welfare services ombudsman program in the Executive Department.