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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

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

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suggested legislation by December 4, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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

LD 1217 An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account Program

PUBLIC 239

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E JORGENSEN E	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill amends the family development account program in the following ways.

1. It transfers administration of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.
2. It allows the University of Maine System to consult key stakeholders such as program participants, community development organizations and financial institutions, as well as organizations representing the interests of low-income persons in the State, as part of administering the program and assessing its effectiveness.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)

This amendment:

1. Adds a definition of "eligible person";
2. Modifies the definition of "account holder";
3. Adds language allowing the University of Maine System to solicit proposals from community development organizations on a schedule established by the system;
4. Allows, instead of requires, the system to adopt rules;
5. Allows, instead of requires, enforcement of the penalty for unauthorized withdrawals;
6. Changes the makeup of the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts from 12 members to 10 members and changes the descriptions of members; and
7. Adds a section describing the transition of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 239 does the following.

1. It transfers administration of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.
2. It allows the University of Maine System to consult key stakeholders such as program participants, community development organizations and financial institutions, as well as organizations representing the interests of