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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

awaiting trial.

In making this determination, the departments shall consider:

1. The number of currently available forensic emergency and crisis beds;
2. The number of individuals currently awaiting placement pretrial;
3. The annual average number of individuals needing forensic services pretrial;
4. Proposals to address unmet needs and associated costs; and
5. Other factors that would lessen wait times for placements and provide needed mental health services to individuals pretrial.

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

LD 1321 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Limitation on County Jails ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	ONTP	

This bill eliminates the 4% growth limitation cap on county assessments to municipalities to fund county correctional services.

LD 1346 An Act To Revise the Good Time Laws To Improve Public Safety ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R DESCHAMBAULT S	ONTP	

Beginning January 1, 2020, this bill provides for up to 12 days of deduction per month from a sentence of imprisonment for any person sentenced for a crime on or after October 1, 1983 and for any person who commits a crime on or after January 1, 2020 and is subsequently sentenced for that crime as follows:

1. Up to six days per month may be deducted if the person's conduct and fulfillment of assigned responsibilities is determined to warrant those deductions;
2. Up to four additional days per month may be deducted if the person's participation in educational programming, participation in assigned work, compliance with the person's case plan or fulfillment of other responsibilities is determined to warrant those deductions; and
3. Up to two additional days per month may be deducted if the person's participation in minimum security or community programs in the person's transition plan for community work, education or rehabilitation programs is determined to warrant those deductions.

Awarding of these deductions is determined by the chief administrative officer of the state correctional facility or the sheriff of the county jail in which the person has been detained. The bill caps at 12 days the total days of