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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.

LD 1340   An Act To Require Criminal History Record Checks for All Prospective and Current Staff Members of the Office of the State Auditor

PUBLIC 416
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MARTIN D	OTP-AM	H-420
CLAXTON N		

This bill requires all employees of and persons who may be offered employment by the Office of the State Auditor to consent to having their fingerprints taken for criminal background checks conducted by the Department of Public Safety, which include state and federal criminal history record information from the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This bill allows the Office of the State Auditor to request subsequent criminal background checks as the office determines appropriate and establishes provisions relating to confidentiality and use of the information and the rights of the subjects of the fingerprinting and criminal background checks.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-420)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to ensure the Office of the State Auditor may immediately meet the fingerprint background check requirements set in federal regulation. This amendment makes several minor changes to section 1 to bring this law into conformity with similar criminal background check laws in Maine statute. The amendment authorizes the State Bureau of Identification to obtain fingerprints and conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the Office of the State Auditor. This amendment removes conflicts in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1542-A. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 416 permits the Office of the State Auditor to require fingerprint based background checks for current and potential employees. It authorizes the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification to conduct fingerprint based criminal background checks for the Office of the State Auditor.

Public Law 2019, chapter 416 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2019.

LD 1379   An Act To Increase the Annual Salary of the Governor and To Increase the Expense Allowance Paid to Legislators

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MARTIN J	ONTP	

This bill increases the Governor's salary from $70,000 per year to $150,000 per year beginning January 2023. This bill increases the legislative meal and housing allowances from $32 and $38 to $50 and $75, respectively. It also increases the mileage allowance from $38 to $75. The increases in the expense allowances for Legislators take effect December 2, 2020.

LD 1391   An Act To Ensure Consistency of Language in Municipal Documents with the Language in Comprehensive Plans

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
WADSWORTH N	ONTP	