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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION,  
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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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 129<sup>th</sup> 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***

**LD 1334      An Act To Rename the Maine International Trade Center the Maine Trade Center and To Establish within the Center International and Domestic Export Branches      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S DILL J	ONTP	

This bill changes the name of the Maine International Trade Center to the Maine Trade Center and directs the center to establish international and domestic export branches within the center.

**LD 1342      An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute      HELD BY GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-467 S-341    BREEN C

This bill establishes the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute to collect and analyze information related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State, to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and to conduct targeted research for the Legislature.

The bill directs the Legislature, through the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters, to contract with the University of Maine System to establish a steering committee to direct the work of the Institute. The steering committee consists of one member from each of the following:

1. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;
2. The Department of Education;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The University of Maine System;
5. The Maine Education Association;
6. The Maine Municipal Association;
7. The Department of Economic and Community Development; and
8. The State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006.

The bill establishes a two-year term for committee members and directs the committee to meet at least four times per year. The analysis, recommendations and research gathered shall be maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System and be available for use by any interested group or individual.

***Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and  
Business***

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the language establishing the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A to Title 5. This amendment changes the membership of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering Committee to consist of the following:

1. One member from each of the following:
  - A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;
  - B. The University of Maine System;
  - C. The Maine Municipal Association;
  - D. The Department of Economic and Community Development;
  - E. The State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;
  - F. The Department of Labor;
  - G. A statewide organization representing business interests in the State;
  - H. A state-based organization involved in workforce and business policy and development;
  - I. An independent college in the State;
  - J. The Maine Community College System;
  - K. A regional economic development organization serving one or more of the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County;  
and
  - L. A statewide organization responsible for business attraction and expansion;
2. The State Economist, who serves ex officio;
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio;
4. An individual involved in adult education;
5. An individual involved in career and technical education;
6. An individual employed in the public sector; and
7. An individual employed in the private sector.

This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

***Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business***

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-341)**

This amendment removes the requirement that the Legislature contract with the University of Maine System for the establishment and maintenance of the institute and removes the appropriation of associated funding. The amendment also revises the process of appointing steering committee members such that appointments are made by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House rather than by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters.

<b>LD 1368</b>	<b>An Act To Require Postsecondary Institutions To Meet the Expected Family Contribution without Additional Loan Burdens for Students</b>	<b>Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT E POULIOT M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to require postsecondary institutions to meet the expected family contribution without additional loan burdens on students. The expected family contribution is an index number that postsecondary institutions use to determine how much financial aid a student would receive annually if the student were to attend that postsecondary institution. Included in financial aid packages are federal Stafford loans, which are fixed-rate student loans originated by the Federal Government. This bill is designed to limit exposure of a student's loan burden to federal Stafford loans only.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-559)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment replaces the bill. It prohibits a postsecondary institution from billing or otherwise holding an in-state undergraduate student responsible for any amount of the cost of attendance at that postsecondary institution that exceeds the student's expected family contribution, with the exception of federal Stafford loans.

This amendment was not adopted.

<b>LD 1440</b>	<b>An Act To Create Transparency in Tax Increment Financing and Credit Enhancement Agreement Proposals</b>	<b>ONTP</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M	ONTP	

This bill makes non propriety the following information regarding applicants for tax increment financing and credit enhancement agreement proposals:

1. The name of the applicant, including the business principal; and
2. The amount of assistance being requested.

This bill removes this information from the list of information that must be released after provision of assistance, unless the information has not already been released.