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STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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

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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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***

LD 1051 An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E GIDEONS		

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill creates the Maine Family First Employer Program under the Department of Labor to award employers that create family-friendly workplaces by providing, for all full-time employees, advancement and leadership opportunities; the same pay rates for similar work; stipends or assistance for child care; paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child and medical care for employees or family members of employees; flexible work accommodations for other family obligations; and health insurance and retirement plan options. The awards are presented by the Governor and come with a logo that a designated employer may use for promotional purposes.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**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 KINNEYM		

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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 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, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried in committee over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M		

This bill was passed to be enacted by the Legislature and then held by the Governor at the end of the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. During the Second Regular Session, this bill was recalled from the Governor's desk and recommitted to committee.

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

This bill establishes the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute and a related steering committee to advise the Legislature on matters related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State. 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 the steering committee. The bill describes the eight required steering committee members and establishes that each member serves a two-year term and that the steering committee will meet at least four times per year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)

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. It changes the membership of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering Committee. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section. This amendment was adopted in the First Regular Session but removed from the bill when it was recommitted to committee during the Second Regular Session.

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. This amendment was adopted in the First Regular Session but removed from the bill when it was recommitted to committee during the Second Regular Session.

This bill, which had not yet been voted by committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1481	An Act To Establish the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill establishes the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority to carry out the State's public-interest objectives related to the ski area and resort and other related recreational facilities on Big Moose Mountain and to create economic development benefits in the area of Big Moose Mountain.

LD 1584	An Act To Attract, Build and Retain an Early Childhood Education Workforce through Increased Training, Education and Career Pathways	CARRIED OVER
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEUR POULIOTM	OTP-AM ONTP	H-464