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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

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.

LD 1368 An Act To Require Postsecondary Institutions To Meet the Expected Family Contribution without Additional Loan Burdens for Students Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| 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.

LD 1440 An Act To Create Transparency in Tax Increment Financing and Credit Enhancement Agreement Proposals ONTP

| <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.