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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Health and Human Services*

**LD 1461 An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Mental Health Disorders**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C WARREN C	OTP-AM	S-244 S-300 BREEN C

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a funding mechanism and reimbursement rate for the treatment of individuals showing early signs of a psychotic disorder using a coordinated specialty care model. Services must be evidence-based and treat both the individual and the family. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to establish a funding mechanism to reimburse for the treatment of individuals in cooperation with the Department of Education and the Department of Labor. The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any necessary waivers and state plan amendments and to seek federal funding under the community mental health services block grant.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-244)**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, clarifies that the department must establish a bundled rate for coordinated specialty care. It also provides that the department may review, develop or apply for any source of funds that may be available to implement reimbursement for the coordinated specialty care model. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-300)**

This amendment amends the committee amendment. This amendment retains the emergency preamble and emergency clause and, as in the committee amendment and the bill, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a reimbursement rate for a coordinated specialty care model to treat individuals showing early signs of psychotic disorder. Services must be evidence-based and treat both the individual and the family. Under this amendment, the Department of Health and Human Services is directed, in cooperation with the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and no later than July 1, 2020, to establish a bundled rate to reimburse for services provided under the coordinated specialty care model that are not otherwise covered under the MaineCare program. This amendment moves the statutory requirements for the reimbursement to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22. This amendment retains the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any necessary waivers and state plan amendments and to seek federal funding under the community mental health services block grant but changes cross-references and requires that necessary applications be submitted no later than 90 days after the effective date of this legislation.

The amendment also changes the appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 1484 An Act To Create a System Using the Permit for Disposition of Human Remains To Track the Burial of Cremated Remains in a Public Cemetery**

**PUBLIC 257**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOORE D DESCHAMBAULT S	OTP	