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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

intentionally using outside a private place an unmanned aerial vehicle flying at an altitude of less than 400 feet above the private place or its curtilage at any time without the written permission of the resident or owner of the private place.

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

**LD 2151**      **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force**      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill was reported by the committee pursuant to joint order, H.P. 1515, and the referred back to the committee for processing in the normal course.

This bill repeals a provision of the Maine Juvenile Code that establishes as a purpose of pre-adjudication detention providing physical care for a juvenile who cannot return home because there is no parent or other suitable person willing and able to supervise the juvenile adequately.

The bill establishes benchmarks for measuring progress in reducing the average daily populations of detained youths and committed youths through July 1, 2023.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to work with the task force established by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in 2019 to study and make recommendations on juvenile justice system assessment and reinvestment regarding implementation of the bill. The task force is required to provide advice, input and feedback to the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the development of a community-based system of therapeutic services for justice-involved youth that works to divert youth from detention and commitment, reduce the rates of detention and commitment across the State and achieve the benchmarks for progress established in this bill.

The bill requires four annual reports on juvenile justice from the Department of Corrections to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters through January 31, 2024.

The bill requires that by January 1, 2021, the Department of Corrections report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters on possible locations for two to four small, secure, therapeutic residences for youth for the purposes of providing detention and confinement for a maximum occupancy of a total of 30 youths. One of the residences must be located in Cumberland County, one must be in Penobscot County and two other possible locations may be identified. Options must include existing structures for renovation as small, secure, therapeutic residences. The report must include information regarding options and cost estimates at each location for the provision of therapeutic services and programs, including educational services, for youth living in the residences.

The bill appropriates \$2,500,000 to the Department of Corrections and \$1,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide ongoing funding for community-based, therapeutic services or programs for the purpose of diverting justice-involved youth from detention and commitment and reducing the rate of youth detention and commitment.

This bill, which had been referred to committee but not yet heard, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, SP. 899.