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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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LD 5 An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 21 increases the maximum income threshold for eligibility in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program from 185% to 225% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

LD 11 An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 82 establishes the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to order and enforce actions to temporarily protect children and families living in any residential dwelling unit from identified lead hazards until they are relocated to lead-safe housing or lead hazards are abated.

LD 35 An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 36 requires professionals mandated to make reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of incapacitated and dependent adults pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act to complete training on mandated reporter responsibilities once every four years.

LD 80 An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 29 amends the provisions of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or "TANF," program that relate to income disregards for the purposes of calculating a recipient's benefits. Previously, the law provided that 100% of all earned income for the first three months of employment and 75% of all earned income for the fourth to sixth months of employment must be disregarded from recipients' monthly earnings. Public Law 2023, chapter 29 clarifies that this employment must have begun while participating in the TANF program. It also provides that 100% of the first three months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF and 75% of the fourth to sixth months of increased earned income received while participating in TANF are subject to these disregard provisions.