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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 756 An Act Limit Changes to the Resource Coordination Agreement Between the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Require Annual Reporting Regarding Resource Coordination Agreements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 443 prohibits any changes before December 1, 2024 to a resource coordination agreement between the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office that was in effect on May 1, 2023 unless mutually agreed upon by the parties. Any agreed upon change must be in writing and must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs as soon as practicable after it has been mutually agreed upon.

The law also requires the Bureau of State Police to report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, transportation matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding resource coordination agreements between the bureau and county sheriff's departments, including where those agreements are in place, a summary of the agreements and any changes to those agreements in the prior calendar year.

LD 847 Resolve, to Study Implementation of a Program to Provide Trauma-informed Training for Law Enforcement Officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 37 directs the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to conduct a study and develop recommendations based on findings from the study regarding the implementation at the academy of a program to provide trauma-informed training for law enforcement officers. The board must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the study, including proposed legislation. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

LD 864 An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 178 amends the laws governing immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose to make a change to a cross-reference regarding which crimes qualify for that immunity.