

STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

BILLS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

December 2021

DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS
130th Legislature, First Regular and First Special Sessions - 2021

DIGEST OF BILLS

PL = Public Law; P&SL = Private and Special Law;
 RESLV = Resolve; CON RES = Constitutional Resolution;
 IB = Initiated Bill

Bills not referred to any committee

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action	Carried over?	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Sess
						Law	Ch	
	828	An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program			Indefinitely Postponed			R1
	845	An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense			Died Between Houses			R1
	1714	An Act To Protect the Private Information of Maine Residents			Died Between Houses			S1
	1734	An Act To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees			<u>Emergency Enacted</u>	PL	443	S1
	1735	An Act To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees			<u>Enacted</u>	PL	486	S1
	1736	An Act To Clarify Funding for the Office of Affordable Health Care			<u>Enacted</u>	PL	484	S1
	1737	An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Qualified Investment" for Purposes of the Income Tax Credit for Paper Manufacturing Facility Investment			<u>Enacted</u>	PL	485	S1

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LD 1734

An Act To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 443 was enacted with referenced to committee. The law does the following:

1. Authorizes funding for collective bargaining agreements contingent on ratification by December 31, 2021 by the Judicial Department and the four bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees;
2. Provides for equitable treatment for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining; and
3. Specifies that the costs to the General Fund to fund salary increases must be provided through a transfer, up to a specified limit in each year of the biennium, from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account.

Public Law 2021, chapter 443 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2021.

LD 1735

An Act To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 486 was enacted without reference to committee. The Law does the following:

1. Implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit;
2. Provides for equitable treatment for confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining;
3. Specifies that the costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases must be provided wholly or in part through a transfer of Personal Services appropriations and allocations within and between departments and, up to a specified limit in each year of the biennium, from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account; and

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4. Authorizes transfers between programs and departments and from the Salary Plan program by financial order as necessary.

LD 1736

An Act To Clarify Funding for the Office of Affordable Health Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 484 was enacted without reference to committee. The law amends Public Law 2021, chapter 459 to establish and provide funding for the costs of one Director position, one Public Service Coordinator II position, one Office Specialist II position and related costs for the new Office of Affordable Health Care beginning October 1, 2021. These General Fund costs are offset by transfers to the General Fund pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 459 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account and from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Medical Use of Marijuana Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

LD 1737

An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Qualified Investment" for Purposes of the Income Tax Credit for Paper Manufacturing Facility Investment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 485, was enacted without reference to committee, amends Public Law 2021, chapter 482 governing the refundable income tax credit for paper manufacturers by changing the definition of "qualified investment" to exclude investments made prior to January 1, 2019 or after December 31, 2023. Public Law 2021, chapter 482, by contrast, excluded investments made prior to January 1, 2021 or after December 31, 2025. The law also amends Public Law 2021, chapter 482 to repeal the effective date of January 1, 2024.