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MAINE 132ND LEGISLATIVE
SESSION



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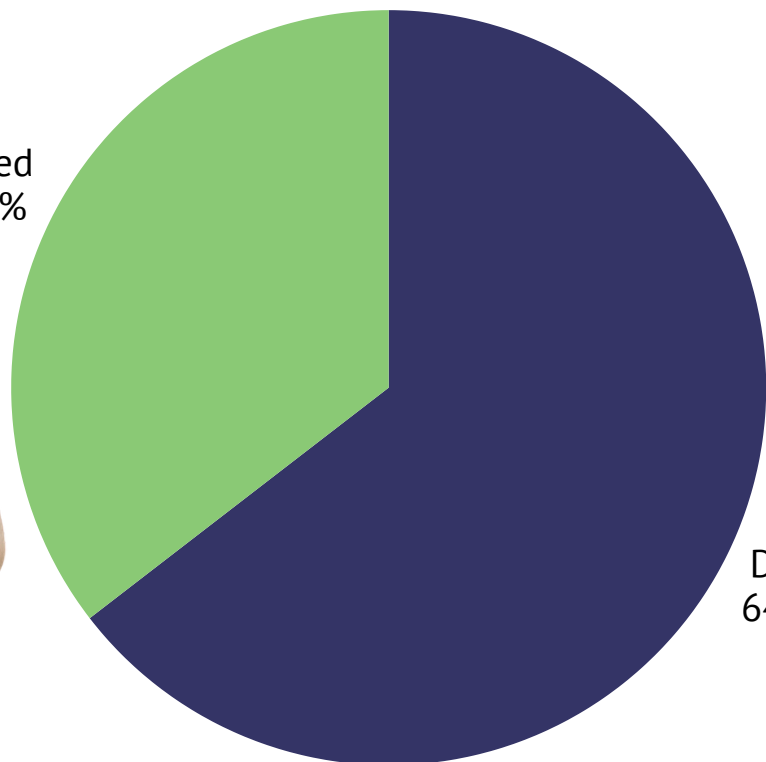
140 testimonies submitted on behalf of the Maine AAP

116 bills tracked

Bill Breakdown:



Passed
35.5%



Dead
64.5%

HIGHLIGHTED WINS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

Tobacco Excise Tax Increase

The Legislature passed \$1.50 per pack increase in Maine's tobacco excise tax, a policy with proven public health benefits.

LD 537, An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action

This bill makes it illegal to publicly share personally identifying information about a minor without consent, and allows the affected minor to pursue legal action.

LD 1126, An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

This bill requires untraceable firearms or "ghost guns" to be serialized.

LD 1746, An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive Dental Care Among Maine Children

Provides funding to expand oral health services in public schools and training for primary care providers on minimally invasive dental care for children.

LD 1945, An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities

Exempts providers from collecting sexual orientation and gender identity information from patients who are minors, resolving confidentiality concerns.

LD 2052, Resolve, to Study the Use of Technology in Classrooms and Study Safeguards Related to Its Use

Requires a comprehensive survey on the use of technology in classrooms, including policies on gaming and artificial intelligence, and how schools ensure compliance.

LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Restricts law and immigration enforcement from entering non-public areas of schools, hospitals, libraries and other sensitive locations without a judicial warrant.

LD 2146, An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations

Requires the Maine Vaccine Board to consider recommendations from the AAP, AAFP, and ACOG when determining vaccine access through Maine's immunization program, despite changes in federal positions and recommendations.

HIGHLIGHTED WINS

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DEFEATED LEGISLATION

LD 174, An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements and

LD 727, An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools

Maine legislators voted to protect Maine's vaccine laws and keep students safe from vaccine-preventable illnesses.

LD 208, An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases and **Ld 1230, An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase**

LD 539, An Act to Repeal the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Maine legislators voted to defend Maine's Paid Family Medical Leave program, which will benefit families and businesses.

LD 828, An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors

Proposed to allow chiropractors to serve as School Health Advisors, despite concerns for school health and safety.

LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

Maine legislators voted to protect the rights of transgender students to participate on the sports teams and use bathrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identity.

LD 1570, An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply



HIGHLIGHTED WINS

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SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

School Cell Phone Ban Support - \$350,000 designated to support schools with transitioning to and implementing cell phone ban policies.

Improved School Bus Safety - \$5.9 million to install safety enhancements on Maine school buses and prevent student deaths.

Extreme Risk Protection Order Implementation - \$1.1 million to implement the voter approved red flag law.

Support for Reproductive Health Care - \$7.25 to fund reproductive health care providers impacted by federal funding cuts, including \$5 million in ongoing funding.

Sustaining the Child Care Affordability Program - \$10 million in ongoing funding to help families afford childcare and reduce waitlists.

Preserving the Free Community College Program - \$10 million annually to make free community college for Maine students a permanent program.

Dedicated Funding for Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Program - directs 25% of the investment income accrued from the state's Budget Stabilization Fund to the LMF Trust Fund - an estimated \$7-8 million in the first year for public land conservation.



HIGHLIGHTED LOSSES

FAILED TO PASS

LD 677, An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device

Would have revised the state's definition of "machine gun" to explicitly ban the possession of rapid-fire devices.

LD 791, An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities

Proposed a system for coordinating placements of children with behavioral health needs awaiting placement in residential care facilities.

LD 1120, An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms

Would have required all gun owners to store their firearms safely and securely to prevent injuries and fatalities.

LD 1631, Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group to Address Child Stay Times in Hospital Emergency Departments

Would have directed DHHS to implement the stakeholder group's recommendations to reduce prolonged stays for children in hospital emergency departments.

LD 1847, An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group

2162, An Act to Regulate and Prevent Children's Access to Artificial Intelligence Chatbots with Human-like Features and Social Artificial Intelligence Companions

Would have restricted children from accessing Artificial Intelligence "chatbots" and "companions" that are designed to form human-like bonds with users.

