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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
- EMERGENCY*.....Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
- ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
- OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
- OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
- P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
- RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
- UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

the Budget, the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, for their review and comment;

7. Required the Governor to present a prototype budget bill and budget document to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature for the Legislature's review and recommendation; and
8. Required the 2002-2003 biennial budget to be prepared and presented to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature in a performance budget format by state agencies consistent with each agency's strategic plan.

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Public Law 1997, chapter 764 does the following:

1. Clarifies that the legislative and judicial branches may elect to participate or to not participate in the strategic planning and performance budgeting initiative;
2. Eliminates all reference to "policy area" planning or budgeting;
3. Adds or clarifies certain definitions related to strategic planning and performance budgeting;
4. Reduces the size of the Commission on Performance Budgeting to 13 members, calls on the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint the chair from the legislative members and calls on the commission to be staffed primarily by Legislative Council staff;
5. Calls on state agencies to submit updated draft strategic plans by December 1, 1998, submit final strategic plans by December 1, 1999 and submit biennial strategic plan revisions by December 1, 2000 and December 1st of each even-numbered year thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over that agency's matters for its review and comment;
6. Calls on state agencies to identify programs within their agency having the same or similar goals and objectives as one or more other state agencies, consult and coordinate their strategies toward common goals and objectives and submit any revised strategic plans by September 1, 2001 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over that agency's matters, as well as to the State Planning Office, the Bureau of the Budget, the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, for their review and comment;
7. Requires the Governor to present a prototype budget bill and budget document to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature for the Legislature's review and recommendation; and
8. Requires the 2002-2003 biennial budget to be prepared and presented to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature in a performance budget format by state agencies consistent with each agency's strategic plan.

This bill was enacted as an emergency measure effective on April 16, 1998.

LD 2012

An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project

**P & S 87
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUTLAND	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-753 MICHAUD

LD 2012 proposed to provide funds to help state departments and agencies solve problems in their information systems that are expected to occur in the year 2000. It appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1997-98 to the Bureau of Information Services to create a contingency fund. Authorized uses would have included software and hardware replacements, external consulting and staff retention.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-753) replaced the bill. It required the Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to provide quarterly reports to the Legislature describing the progress of state departments and agencies toward resolving "Year 2000" information system problems. The amendment also provided funding to assist the Legislature with its "Year 2000" and migration needs.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 87 requires the Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to provide quarterly reports to the Legislature describing the progress of state departments and agencies toward resolving "Year 2000" information system problems. The law also provides funding to assist the Legislature with its "Year 2000" and migration needs. This bill was enacted as an emergency measure effective on April 14, 1998.

LD 2023 An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly P & S 85

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS LEMAIRE	OTP-AM	S-479 S-726 MICHAUD

LD 2023 proposed to provide the Department of Human Services with General Fund appropriations totaling \$383,230 to restore funding that was cut in 1991 to the area agencies on aging. This bill proposed to restore funds for meals on wheels, outreach funds for services to people in their homes, senior volunteer services, transportation and planning and administrative coordination.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-479) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Purchased Social Services program by \$100,000 and provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$283,230 to accurately reflect the amount required to restore, but not increase, funding for certain services provided by the area agencies on aging.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-726) proposed to provide a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to partially restore funding that was cut in 1991 for services provided through the area agencies on aging. It also proposed a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for the Department of Human Services to issue a request for proposals for supportive services in assisted living settings in the Bangor area. It also proposed to deallocate Other Special Revenue funds from the Bureau of Medical Services to reflect that certain license fee revenue must be deposited in the General Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1815.

Enacted law summary