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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 888

An Act to Grant the State Board of Education Authority to Appoint the Commissioner of Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 888 proposed to amend current law which grants to the Governor the authority to appoint the Commissioner of Education to give that authority to the State Board of Education.

LD 915

An Act to Ensure the Efficacy of Learning Results

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOGLUND	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 915 proposed to direct the Department of Education to establish lesson plans and recommended textbook lists to assist schools in meeting the requirement of the system of learning results. The plans and lists would be made available for first use during the 2001-2002 school year. The bill further proposed to repeal the system of learning results if the department failed to meet that deadline.

LD 932

An Act to Establish the Position of School Nurse Consultant

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-85

LD 932 proposed to reestablish the position of school nurse consultant within the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. The school nurse consultant's duties would include acting as a liaison to the school health provider and policy-setting groups; providing health care, nursing, policy and legal information regarding school nursing, school health programs and professional development; promoting staff development and promoting school nursing excellence and optimal health of school children.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 933

An Act to Permit the Submission of Citizens' Initiatives and Citizens' Vetoes to School Districts

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN		

LD 933 proposes to establish a direct initiative and people's veto process applying to school policies and rules that could be exercised by the voters of any school unit. The processes proposed are similar to those available under the Constitution of Maine for initiation and veto of legislation by the voters of the State. The State Board of Education has