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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.

6. Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to establish up to 10 pilot sites for public schools to provide services to eligible three to six-year-olds year-round.

Chapter 296 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 24, 1999.

LD 1329 **An Act to Apply the Approval Procedures in Municipal Charters to Locally Funded School Construction Projects** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1329 proposed that in municipalities governed by municipal charters, locally funded school construction projects must be approved in accordance with the procedures required by the applicable municipal charter rather than the referendum procedures set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15904. See also LD 798.

LD 1336 **An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Credits Between Colleges of the Maine Technical College System** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NORBERT LONGLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1336 proposed to add to the powers and duties of the President of the Maine Technical College System. Under this bill, the duty of establishing a uniform system to facilitate the transfer of credits between colleges within the system would have been added to the President's existing duty of promoting intercampus cooperation and coordination.

LD 1340 **An Act to Require Schools to Begin After Labor Day** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMPBELL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1340 proposed that all public schools including postsecondary educational institutions begin classes after Labor Day. The bill also provided that extracurricular activities could take place before Labor Day.

Committee "A" (H-376), the minority report of the committee, proposed to exempt school administrative units located in Aroostook County from the provision proposed in the bill that the school year begin after labor Day.

LD 1346 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the School Administrative District Budget Approval Process** **CARRIED OVER**

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