

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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](http://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
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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**LD 1280**

**An Act to Provide Funding for School Drug Awareness and Education Programs**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 1280 proposed to establish the Drug Awareness and Education for Schools Fund. As proposed, the fund would have been a nonlapsing interest-bearing account. The bill proposed that ten percent of all fines paid for violations of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 45 be deposited into the fund and be used to support school programs for drug awareness and education, including the DARE program.

**LD 1369**

**An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Youth Corrections from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Services**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 1369 proposed to amend current law to transfer responsibility for the Maine Youth Center and the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Services. The bill proposed to retain the current structure of the facilities and their relationships with the other departments and with the federal Department of Justice.

**LD 1583**

**An Act to Amend the Definition of Sex Offender and to Require Sheriffs to Notify the State Bureau of Identification of a Sex Offender's Release from Jail for Purposes of Registration and Notification**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN J	ONTP	

LD 1583 proposed to expand the definition of "sex offender" for purposes of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to include all sex offenses in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 11 that are Class A, B or C crimes and the crime of sexual exploitation of a minor. For purposes of registration and notification, the bill also proposed to require county sheriffs to notify the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification when a sex offender is released from a county jail.