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**STATE OF MAINE
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ON
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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 1663

An Act to Restore Fairness and Equity to the Allocation of School Subsidies

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P BELANGER	ONTP	

LD 1663 proposed to allow school administrative units to receive an adjustment in their state subsidy payment for enrollment decreases due to resident students enrolled in a private school or through home instruction in an equivalent instruction program. Under this bill, school administrative units would have been reimbursed for students residing in the unit who were participating in approved equivalent instruction programs. School administrative units would have been required to keep accurate records of students residing in the unit who were participating in approved equivalent instruction programs and would have included these students in the annual count of students attending school in the district.

LD 1701

Resolve, to Increase Access to Maine's Technical College System

INDEF PP

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

LD 1701 was referred to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and proposed to increase the appropriation to the Maine Technical College System for the next biennium by \$2,250,000 per year in order to increase access to the system by allowing the enrollment of 1,000 more students to the Maine Technical College System's current rolls. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, the substance of this bill, including General Fund appropriations of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to enroll approximately 750 more students across the system, was included in the Part II Budget bill, in (see P.L. 1999, c. 401, Part HH, Sec. H-1).

LD 1706

Resolve, to Conduct and Report on a Comprehensive Needs Assessment for Coordinated School Health Programs

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARD PARADIS	OTP-AM	

LD 1706 proposed to require the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of state agency programs and services that are in support of coordinated school health programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-365) proposed to clarify the membership of the subcommittee to which the interim progress report is to be submitted and establishes the date for making that report. The amendment also proposed to correct a typographical error and add an appropriation and a fiscal note to the resolve.