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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ON
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

JULY 2000

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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).

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 2366

An Act to Create Equity in Access to Secondary Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY PIEH	ONTP	

LD 2366 proposed to establish and fund a grant program for those island families that must send their children to boarding school as they have no regular transportation or ferry service.

LD 2387

An Act to Amend the Qualifying Examination for Initial Teacher Certification

PUBLIC 569

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

LD 2387 proposed to replace the core battery of the national teachers exam with a different basic skills test. An individual would need to pass this test in order to become fully certified as a teacher in Maine.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 569 replaces the core battery of the national teachers exam with a different basic skills test. The law provides that an individual needs to pass this test in order to become fully certified as a teacher in Maine.

LD 2393

An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 1999-00

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL PARADIS	OTP-AM	H-1180 TOWNSEND

LD 2393 was referred to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and proposed to appropriate \$160,000 for Fiscal Year 2000-01 to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

House Amendment "A" (H-1180) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and proposed to change the General Fund appropriation request to fiscal year 1999-00 in order to provide \$171,000 on a one-time basis to be applied toward a principal payment remaining on a \$3,000,000 dormitory at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.