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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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/billsumm.htm).

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
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 31

Resolve, To Direct State, County and Local Departments and Agencies To Coordinate a Single-point Referral and Resource Service Related to Drug Issues in Washington County

RESOLVE 100

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUNKER	OTP-AM MAJ	H-624
SHOREY	ONTP MIN	

LD 31 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to establish a seamless strategic drug abuse model for addressing issues surrounding criminal enforcement, substance abuse treatment and education and public advocacy in Washington County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-624) proposed to replace the bill and was the majority report. The amendment proposed to create a resolve that directs the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections to work in cooperation with county and local service providers, law enforcement and other interested parties to coordinate a single point of contact for persons in Washington County to receive information and treatment referral services for all drug-related issues. The amendment proposed that the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse report progress on developing and implementing a single point of contact for Washington County to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 2005. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 100 directs the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections to work in cooperation with county and local service providers, law enforcement and other interested parties to coordinate a single point of contact for persons in Washington County to receive information and treatment referral services for all drug-related issues. Resolve 2003, chapter 100 also directs the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse to report progress on developing and implementing a single point of contact for Washington County to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 2005.

LD 105

An Act to Further the Productive Use of Land Held by the Department of Corrections

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
USHER BLANCHETTE	ONTP	

LD 105 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to require that land in Windham held by the State under the direction of the Department of Corrections be put to productive use.