

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Education and Cultural Affairs*

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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### 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](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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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*Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 182**

**An Act to Eliminate Discrimination Against Parents Who Want to Send Their Children to Religious Private Schools**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	ONTP MAJ	
NASS	OTP-AM MIN	

Current law prohibits religious private schools from receiving public funding to educate children from school districts that do not have secondary schools. LD 182 proposed to repeal that prohibition.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-324)** was the minority report and proposed to change the title of the bill and strike and replace the bill with a resolve to establish the Commission to Study School Tuition Reimbursement Policies and Practices in Maine. The amendment proposed that the study commission would study Maine's tuition payment policies and practices and the chairs of the commission could seek and accept outside funding to support the work of this study commission. The commission would have submitted its report with any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature by December 1, 2003. This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 195**

**An Act to Facilitate Summer Employment for Youths**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 195 proposes to prohibit school administrative units from commencing classes prior to Labor Day. The bill would allow school administrative units to hold athletic activities, in-service days and summer school prior to Labor Day. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 199**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor To Review the 2002 United States Environmental Protection Agency List of Pesticides Registered and Classified as Known, Likely or Probable Human Carcinogens**

**RESOLVE 48  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDER	OTP-AM	H-323

LD 199 proposed to require the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Human Services to adopt major substantive rules that would prohibit the presence, use and storage of chemicals known to cause cancer on school and child care center property by July 1, 2004.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-323)** proposed to change the bill to a resolve that would direct the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor to review the 2002 EPA list of pesticides registered and classified as known, likely and probable carcinogens and compare it to current department rules governing the purchase and storage of hazardous