

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
Second Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Education and Cultural Affairs*

*May 2004*

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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](http://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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**LD 194**

**An Act to Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage**

**INDEFF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CUMMINGS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-702
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LD 194, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to increase the state adult education subsidy by 6% for each year of the 2004-2005 biennium.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-702)** proposed to increase the state adult education subsidy by \$87,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 to reflect level funding from fiscal year 2003-04. The amendment was not adopted.

While this bill as amended was indefinitely postponed, the substance of the bill as committee amendment was included in the Part II budget bill (see P.L. 2003, c. 673, Part CCCC), in the form of a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$87,000 in fiscal year 2004-05.

**LD 195**

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

**OTP-ND**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCGOWAN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-ND	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 195 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to prohibit school administrative units from commencing classes prior to Labor Day.

This bill was reported out “Ought To Pass in New Draft” by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs (see LD 1946).

**LD 230**

**An Act Concerning Restructuring of School Districts**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN LUNDEEN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 230, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed the restructuring of school districts within Aroostook County to provide for only one school administrative district for the county.