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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business, Research and Economic Development*

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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).

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 2nd 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 989

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force Concerning Speech-language Pathologists

**RESOLVE 80
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO MAKAS	OTP-AM	H-552 RICHARDSON J H-591 DUPLESSIE S-185

LD 989 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The concept draft proposed to transfer the licensure of individuals who provide speech pathologist services to Maine schools from the auspices of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 77 to the Department of Education, thereby making such individuals subject to the department's rule-making authority. The concept draft also proposed to expand the number of training programs in order to provide local school departments with needed personnel, to allow out-of-state, degree-granting institutions to offer programs to meet Maine's personnel needs in the area of speech pathology and to allow certain speech pathology services to be delivered by individuals who hold less than a master's degree in speech pathology if those individuals are under the supervision of a master's-level speech pathologist.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-185) proposed to replace the concept draft. The amendment was a resolve that proposed to create a task force directed to study ways to increase the number of speech-language pathologists who provide services in Maine schools and the opportunities for postsecondary training and professional development programs in the State. The resolve proposed to direct the task force to submit a report, including findings, recommendations and recommended legislation, by January 15, 2004 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education. In addition, the resolve proposed to direct that the agencies and entities represented on the task force absorb expenses incurred by the task force.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-552) proposed to authorize the task force to submit its report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature rather than to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It also proposed to change the reporting date from January 15, 2004, to December 3, 2003, and to remove the provision allowing the Legislative Council to grant an extension of time for the task force to complete its study.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-591) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 80 creates a task force that is directed to study ways to increase the number of speech-language pathologists who provide services in Maine schools and the opportunities for postsecondary training and professional development programs in the State. The task force is directed to submit a report, including findings, recommendations and recommended legislation, by December 3, 2003 to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education. In addition, the resolve directs that the agencies and entities represented on the task force will absorb expenses incurred by the task force.