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Bill Summaries

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on
Education and Cultural Affairs*

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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 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 (Pocket Veto)	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 August 23, 2006.

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LD 84 **Resolve, To Facilitate Implementation of the Sports Done Right Program** **RESOLVE 211**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN	OTP-AM MAJ	S-438
CUMMINGS	OTP-AM MIN	S-677 ROTUNDO

LD 84, which was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to implement the recommendations of the Interscholastic Athletics Task Force.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-438) proposed the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This amendment proposed changing the bill to a resolve and encouraging schools and communities in Maine to collaborate with the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to develop the Sports Done Right program to promote positive sports experiences for Maine youth. It proposed appropriating \$100,000 to the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to increase the center's capacity to offer training and expand the number of schools participating in the program.

Committee Amendment “B” (S-439) proposed the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It differed from the majority report in that it did not propose an appropriation. The minority report was not accepted.

Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-677) proposed reducing the appropriation for the Sports Done Right program from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 211 encourages schools and communities in Maine to collaborate with the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to develop the Sports Done Right program to promote positive sports experiences for Maine youth. It encourages the center to facilitate adoption of the Sports Done Right program in schools and communities. It encourages schools and communities to assess their athletic programs and consider participating in this program. It appropriates \$25,000 to the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to increase the center's capacity to offer training and expand the number of schools participating in the program. It requires the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on implementation of the Sports Done Right program.

LD 96 **An Act To Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-63

LD 96 proposed to appropriate funds to increase the state subsidy for the adult education program within the Department of Education by 6% per year in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

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Committee Amendment “A” (S-63) proposed to provide that the appropriation of funds to increase the state subsidy for the adult education program within the Department of Education would be reduced from 6% per year in the bill to 4% per year in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

This bill and its adopted amendments were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, the substance of the bill was addressed through a supplemental budget bill initiative, enacted as part of Public Law 2005, chapter 519, Part A, Section A-1, that provided funding to partially offset the deappropriation in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part XX to the adult education program.

LD 200 **An Act To Improve Teaching and Learning Conditions in Maine Schools** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORTON TURNER	ONTP	

LD 200, which was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to alleviate burdens, caused by the workloads created because teachers have to satisfy school reform mandates, by enhancing teaching and learning conditions in Maine schools.

LD 405 **Resolve, To Establish an Education Pilot Program for Registered Nurses** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN PERRY A	OTP-AM	S-100

LD 405 proposed to require the President of the Maine Community College System to establish a pilot program for the education of registered nurses who are interested in employment in long-term care. The pilot program would be operated at 4 community college locations across the State and would be funded equally from the Health Care Training Fund and from private donations.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-100) proposed to revise the pilot program proposed in the resolve to require the Maine Community College System to establish a pilot program for the education of individuals who are interested in enrolling as candidates in an entry-level nursing preparation program and who have also expressed the goal of attaining a license as a registered nurse. The proposed pilot program could also provide education for entry-level candidates for the nursing preparation program who are interested in future employment in long-term care as registered nurses. The proposed pilot program would be operated at 2 community college locations in the State. The amendment also proposed to require that a scholarship fund be established with private donations to provide eligible students with funds to participate in this pilot program and proposed to provide that the Maine Health Care Association and the Maine Community College System work together to provide leadership for raising these scholarship funds.