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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 1055

An Act To Require Academic and Community Input into Major Decisions of the University of Maine System

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER LERMAN	ONTP	

LD 1055, which was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature, proposed to require the University of Maine System to seek input from parties, including administration and faculty members of campuses and colleges, municipalities and the Maine Community College System, that would be affected by a major policy decision by the University of Maine System.

LD 1332

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Establish a Secondary Vocational Education Facility in Washington County

ONTP

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

LD 1332, which was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature, proposed to direct the Department of Education to establish a secondary vocational education facility in Washington County.

LD 1349

An Act To Encourage Neighborhood Schools and To Minimize Sprawl Caused by School Siting

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIOTTI MILLS P	ONTP	

LD 1349, which was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature, proposed to encourage the building of schools only in areas of a municipality that already are served or will be served by a public infrastructure, such as sewer and water systems, sidewalks and bicycle paths. It proposed to allow the State Board of Education to approve school construction only if the site is within an area that is a designated growth area, an area served by a public sewer system, a census-designated place or a compact area. For a site meeting none of these criteria, the bill proposed to require adoption of a comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance by the municipality before the state board may approve a project.