

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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Legislative Document

No. 2546

S.P. 991

In Senate, February 8, 2000

**Resolve, to Ensure Equity to High School Athletes Participating in Skiing.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the  
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

4           **Whereas,** under rules adopted by the Maine Principals'  
6 Association, the current season for high school downhill and  
cross-country skiing is scheduled to end February 26, 2000. No  
8 competitions may be held or coaching done after this date; and

10           **Whereas,** the season for other high school winter sports such  
as gymnastics and basketball extends into March or April; and

12           **Whereas,** the current restriction on the high school downhill  
14 and cross-country skiing season places an unfair impediment on  
high school athletes participating in those sports by depriving  
16 them of coaching and instruction beyond February 26, 2000; and

18           **Whereas,** unless this resolve is enacted as an emergency, it  
will not take effect in time to rectify the inequity for the  
20 1999-2000 skiing season; and

22           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
24 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
26 safety; now, therefore, be it

28           **Sec. 1. High school ski season extended. Resolved:** That,  
notwithstanding any policy of the Maine Principals' Association,  
30 the 1999-2000 high school downhill and cross-country skiing  
season, including the provision of coaching, is extended until  
32 March 19, 2000.

34           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.  
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38   **SUMMARY**

40           Under the current rules adopted by the Maine Principals'  
Association, the governing body for high school sports, the  
42 1999-2000 high school downhill and cross-country skiing season is  
scheduled to end February 26, 2000. Competitions and the  
44 coaching of student athletes are prohibited beyond February 26,  
2000.

46           This resolve extends the 1999-2000 high school downhill and  
48 cross-country skiing season until March 19, 2000.