

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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LD 1389

An Act to Restructure the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MORRISON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have reorganized the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services by moving the Maine Emergency Management Agency to the Department of Public Safety and would have required the appointment of the Adjutant General to be reviewed and confirmed by the Legislature. The Deputy Adjutant General position would have been abolished. The Adjutant General could appoint an assistant adjutant general who would be the Director of the Military Bureau, a position that would have to rotate between members of the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard every 3 years. The bill also would have required the military to comply with all state statutes and rules unless expressly exempted. The bill clarified the required compliance with antidiscrimination requirements. Military personnel would have been allowed to appeal personnel decisions to the Maine Human Rights Commission. The bill also made persons activated in the National Guard subject to the Military Code of Justice.

LD 1411

An Act Concerning the Eligibility of Children of Disabled Veterans to Obtain Education Benefits

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
SUMMERS

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have enabled a spouse or a child of an eligible veteran who wanted to pursue a course of study that is not available at a state-supported school or institution in Maine to attend a state-supported postsecondary school or institution in a state that offers that course of study, with tuition paid by the Division of Veterans' Services.

LD 1458

An Act to Clarify the Role and Purpose of the Maine State Retirement System

PUBLIC 595
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-475

SUMMARY

This bill transfers the system's audit functions (monitoring employers' compliance with retirement system rules and policies) to the Department of Audit. It directs the Executive Director of the retirement system to simplify payroll and reporting requirements and it requires the establishment of a schedule of fees, interest and penalties for failure to provide accurate and complete information in a timely manner. The bill also allows the system to begin to pay retirement benefits on the basis of estimated benefits, with subsequent correction on receipt of final payroll information. The bill also permits the executive director, with approval of the Trustees, to delegate the executive director's duties to other retirement system staff. The bill revises the current statutory requirement that the system's actuary evaluate each legislative document so that it is only required when considered necessary by the retirement system or by the proper legislative committee.