

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second 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 &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</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</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</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>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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**LD 194****An Act to Extend the Probationary Period of New Teachers from 2 Years to 3 Years**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GOULD**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill extends the probationary period of a new teacher from 2 years to 3 years.

**LD 202****Resolve, to Change the Nature of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center and Its Powers**RESOLVE 2  
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**  
DAGGETT  
BUSTIN**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-21**SUMMARY**

This resolve continues the work of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center and renames the commission to the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Telecommunications Center. This resolve requires another report from the commission by November 1, 1995, and authorizes the commission to submit enacting legislation. Funds appropriated from the General Fund are contingent upon receipt by the commission of funds from the City of Augusta and the University of Maine System.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-21) removes the appropriation section that was inadvertently included in the bill.

**LD 263****An Act to Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Transport Truants Back to School**

PUBLIC 124

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LEMONT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-114**SUMMARY**

Currently, law enforcement officers who see identified truants off school grounds during school hours may not take action except to notify the school or designated school personnel. This bill permits an officer to transport the truant student to the appropriate school.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-114) replaces the bill. This amendment replaces the requirement that school boards notify local law enforcement officers when a student is habitually truant with a provision that permits school boards to notify officers. The amendment adds a provision that permits an officer to offer to transport a truant to the appropriate school provided the truant and the truant's parent or guardian grant verbal permission.

**LD 277****An Act to Suspend Driver's Licenses of Students under the Age of 18 Who Drop Out of High School**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JOYNER**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**