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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 364****An Act to Protect the Rights of Employees and to Ensure the Proper Expenditure of Public Funds**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CHASE	ONTP	MAJ	
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made it unlawful for an employer to use state funds or state-administered funds to influence employees for or against unionization or to commit a violation of a labor, wage and hour, fair employment or human rights law or rule. The minority report of the committee would have amended Title 5 rather than Title 26. The amendment contained exemptions so that the restrictions would not have applied to municipalities and school administrative districts and to health care facilities already covered by a similar law in Title 22.

**LD 365****An Act to Extend the Jurisdiction of the Maine Labor Relations Board to Public Employees Who Have Been Employed Fewer Than 6 Months**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CHASE	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

Under the current labor relations law governing municipal public employees and University of Maine System and Maine Technical College System employees, any person who has been employed for fewer than 6 months is excluded from the protection of the collective bargaining laws. This bill would have removed the 6-month exclusion. The committee amendment would have removed the 6-month exclusion from the chapter covering municipal employees, but not University employees, and would have clarified that the length of the probationary period is a mandatory subject of bargaining.

**LD 421****An Act to Require the Maine State Retirement System to Annually Report to Its Members and to Investigate the Issue of Privatization**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AMERO	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that (1) the Maine State Retirement System issue annual statements to each member showing the amount of contributions in that member's account and interest earned; (2) the retirement system develop standards governing the time at which the first retirement check is issued; and (3) the board of trustees study the feasibility of privatizing the operations of the retirement system.

**LD 441****An Act to Promote Apprentice Education in the State**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSHALL	ONTP	