

# 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.

5581LHS

**LD 451 An Act to Postpone the Opening of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill postpones the implementation and opening of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. It applies retroactively to February 15, 1995, which is the date by which a plan must be submitted to the Legislature that outlines the statewide education programs that would assist in the professional development of the school.

**LD 468 An Act to Require the Administration of Medication in Schools by Licensed Personnel**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LEMAIRE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that only licensed personnel may administer medications in the State's public schools.

**LD 481 Resolve, to Improve Postsecondary Education in the State**

INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL EH  
O'DEA  
WATSON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-390 MARTIN

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to declare a moratorium on all efforts to confer degree-granting status on the Education Network of Maine.

It also establishes the 7-member Commission on Higher Education Governance. The commission has the following duties:

1. To review the missions, roles, organizational structures and leadership structures of the State's public institutions of higher education;
2. To conduct a review of state funding to the State's public institutions of higher education;
3. To examine the provision of higher education academic programs available statewide to ensure availability and minimum overlap; and
4. To examine the needs, role, scope and nature of distance learning through instructional television in the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-390) strikes from the resolve the moratorium on all initiatives designed to confer degree-granting authority on the Education Network of Maine. The amendment increases the membership of the Commission on Higher Education Governance from 7 to 11 members and adds new duties to