

# 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 521**      **An Act to Repeal the Laws That Require the Screening for Scoliosis and Related Spinal Abnormalities**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the law that establishes in the public schools a screening process for scoliosis and related spinal abnormalities.

**LD 535**      **An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Technical College System**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System by requiring certain members to be graduates of the Maine Technical College System and by eliminating 3 ex officio commissioner members. The bill also repeals the requirement that the Maine Technical College System Office provide staff and technical assistance to each college and requires that expenditures for the system office not exceed 2% of the State's appropriation to the system.

**LD 557**      **An Act to Require the Escrowing of the Salary of a School Administrator or Employee Arrested for Certain Crimes**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill escrows the salary of a school employee charged with sexual abuse or with drug-related crimes. If the employee is convicted of or pleads guilty to the crime charged, the escrowed funds revert to the school administrative unit; otherwise the employee receives the funds.

**LD 585**      **An Act to Change the Membership of the Task Force on the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the membership of the Task Force on the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts enacted by Public Law 1993, chapter 706. This bill provides for the appointment of members from the greater Bangor area and includes the greater Bangor area as a potential site for the school for the arts.