

# 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 740**

**An Act Concerning Cocurricular Activity Eligibility for Students Identified under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**

PUBLIC 95

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JONES S

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-137

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that a special education student will not be denied eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities because of failure to meet academic eligibility standards or to be enrolled in a certain number or type of classes if that failure is due to the student's exceptionality and the student is in compliance with an individualized education plan.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-137) The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes extracurricular to cocurricular and makes a number of technical changes to the bill. The amendment also allows a school administrative unit to use the same eligibility requirements applied to nonexceptional students for exceptional students if an exceptional student is not in compliance with the individual education plan.

**LD 779**

**An Act to Allow the Maine Technical College System to Grant Utility Easements**

PUBLIC 96

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAMPBELL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The Maine Technical College System is required by state law to seek legislative approval for the transfer of interests in property, which includes the granting of utility easements. This bill gives authority to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System to grant utility easements.

**LD 795**

**An Act to Require the State Agency Placing a Child in Foster Care to Pay for Special Education for the Child**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BUNKER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the State to pay 100% of the costs of providing approved special education services for a student placed in a foster home by a state agency.

**LD 810**

**An Act to Require That School Buildings Be Renovated Unless New Construction Is More Cost-effective**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LEMONT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**