

# 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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the educational impact on the local school district be a consideration when determining the most appropriate placement for a child in foster care.

**LD 943      An Act to Create an Honorary Position of Maine State Poet Laureate**

PUBLIC 264

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ADAMS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-350

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates the honorary office of State Poet Laureate and describes the appointment process and the duties of the State Poet Laureate. As this is an honorary position, the holder of the office is permitted to seek, accept or serve as an elected or appointed state or local government employee while serving as State Poet Laureate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-350) changes the membership of the State Poet Laureate Selection Advisory Panel by eliminating from the panel the chairs of the English departments of each of the campuses of the University of Maine System and replacing them with one representative of the University of Maine System, one representative of private universities and colleges and one representative of public school English teachers. This amendment adds a provision requiring each panel member to survey the colleagues the member represents for the names of candidates to be considered by the full panel for recommendation to the Governor. This amendment also makes technical changes to the bill and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 958      An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper**

PUBLIC 395

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The Part II Budget bill is an Appropriations Committee bill and includes the following education issues:

1. Education Coordinating Committee
2. Education Research Institute
3. Commission on Higher Education Governance (see summary of LD 481)

**LD 964      An Act Establishing Education as a Priority for the State by Expediting Consideration of the Education Budget**

PUBLIC 98

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the date by which the Legislature must enact the annual school finance budget from April 1st to March 15th.