

# 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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 1207**    **An Act to Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies  
in Employer's Contributions and Coverage in Unemployment  
Compensation**

PUBLIC 220

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS  
TUTTLE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill is intended to eliminate confusion in the meaning of the current language regarding the use of experience rating under the unemployment compensation system. The change allows an employer's experience rating record to be credited with contributions when paid and avoids the perception that the employer's experience rating record will be credited with contributions payable but not actually paid. This change maintains consistency with other sections of the Employment Security Law. The bill also allows a state governmental entity the choice of electing to meet its obligations under the Maine Employment Security Law by changing from a taxable entity to a direct reimbursing entity.

**LD 1227**    **Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Identify the  
Part-time Workforce in the State**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have established the Task Force to Identify the Part-time Workforce in the State.

**LD 1230**    **An Act Concerning Educational Technicians**

P & S 35

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-441

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the Private and Special Law that dealt with the classification for educational technicians prior to 1991 for retirement coverage purposes. This bill allows for corrections to be made in the classification of educational technicians.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-441) allows the Department of Education to reclassify a person formerly in the position of teacher aide or teacher assistant to educational technician II or educational technician III if the employee was not recommended to be upgraded prior to the September 1, 1991 deadline due to error on the part of a school administrative unit. School administrative units must apply on behalf of their employees for the upgrade provided in this amendment by July 1, 1996. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill and a mandate preamble.

**LD 1269**    **An Act to Provide Retirement Benefit Options for Game  
Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers**

PUBLIC 466

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-327  
S-346    MICHAUD