

# 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 1240**      **An Act to Establish Minimum Statewide Standards for Teachers' Salaries**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KEANE                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill ensures that the salaries for certified teachers in all state schools are no lower than the average of salaries for their counterparts in other states of comparable population and wealth.

**LD 1274**      **Resolve, to Standardize the Basic Entrance and Placement Examinations for the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
WINN                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the establishment of a uniform examination for use in the admissions or placement procedures of the campuses of the University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System.

**LD 1275**      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Review the Continuing Education Requirements for Speech Therapists Working in the Schools**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
WINN                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Education and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to jointly review the continuing education requirements for speech therapists working in the schools, and to propose any recommended changes to the Legislature no later than November 1, 1995.

**LD 1313**      **An Act to Provide for the Position of President of the University of Maine System**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
AHEARNE                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the position and office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, eliminates the position of president for each campus and instead provides for one president for the combined campuses. To accomplish this, the bill:

1. Removes the chancellor from the list of ex officio corporators of the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation;
2. Repeals the provision requiring the chancellor to present an address on the state of the University of Maine System to the Legislature;