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# BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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:

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

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3. Repeals the provision establishing a committee, appointed by the chancellor, whose reporting and implementation dates have passed;

4. Replaces the chancellor with a member representing the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System on the New England Board of Higher Education;

5. Removes a reference to the chancellor in the laws concerning University of Maine System labor relations;

6. Requires the board of trustees rather than the chancellor to appoint a member to the State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors and a member to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure; and

7. Amends the charter of the University of Maine System to remove all references to and authority of the chancellor and to provide for one president for the combined campuses, with one vice-president appointed for each campus.

#### LD 1317 An Act to Improve Public Access to the Maine State Museum P & S 49

SPONSOR(S)	<b>COMMITIEE REPORT</b>	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S–168

#### SUMMARY

This bill provides funds for the Maine State Museum to better serve visitors with disabilities as required by state and federal law, including 2 Museum Technician I educators with qualifications for sign language interpretation who are required to provide 7-day coverage of educational exhibits. They will serve school groups and the general public.

This bill also includes funds for the capital purchase of an electric mobility device, which will benefit visitors unable to use standard wheelchairs in the extensively ramped exhibit areas.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-168) eliminates funds for 2 Museum Technician I educator positions from the bill and leaves in place the request for funds to purchase an electric mobility device to assist Maine State Museum visitors with disabilities. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1352	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Administrator Certification			PUBLIC 282
	SPONSOR(S)	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	AMENDMENTS ADOPTEI	)

#### SUMMARY

CARPENTER

This bill provides for conditional administrator certification for an administrator who is otherwise qualified for full certification but may lack completion in one or more of the competency areas. Conditional certification requires a specific time for the individual to complete requirements for full certification. The purpose of this bill is to expand the pool of qualified administrators to fill job vacancies.

S-207

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-207) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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