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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-480) removed language from one part of the charter that is duplicated in another part of the charter.

Enacted Law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 67 repeals and replaces the Charter of Bowdoin College.

LD 1747 **An Act to Authorize the Maine Photographic Workshops to Grant Degrees** P & S 68

Sponsor(s)
PINGREE

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1747 authorized the Maine Photographic Workshops to grant Associate of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees.

Enacted Law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 68 authorizes the Maine Photographic Workshops to grant Associate of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees.

LD 1756 **An Act to Establish a High School for the Visual and Performing Arts** DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

Sponsor(s)
AMERO

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1756 proposed establishing the Maine Center for Arts Education. The bill represents the recommendations of the Task Force on the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts established in Public Law 1993, chapter 706, Part B.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-490) corrected language relating to a quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Center for Arts Education, clarified a section relating to public members of the board of trustees and specified that the school may provide innovative programs to assist in the professional development of classroom generalists and special education teachers as well as teachers of visual and performing arts. (Adopted in the House)

LD 1760 **An Act to Amend the Definition of "State Agency Client"** PUBLIC 569

Sponsor(s)
MARTIN

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1760 made the state agency client provisions of the School Finance Act of 1995 consistent with state and federal laws ensuring special education and early intervention services for children with disabilities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 569 makes the state agency client provisions of the School Finance Act of 1995 consistent with state and federal laws ensuring special education and early intervention services for children with disabilities.

**LD 1780 Resolve, to Establish a Tuition Rate for the Town of
Dennysville and to Review the Provision of Education Services
in the Unorganized Territory RESOLVE 61**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
		H-716

LD 1780, which was introduced without reference to committee, proposed to establish the tuition charge for students from Dennysville attending Edmunds School for the 1996-97 school year. The bill also directed the Commissioner of Education, with the assistance of a study committee, to review and make recommendations concerning the provision of education services in the unorganized territory.

House Amendment "A" (H-716) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 61 establishes the tuition charge for students from Dennysville attending Edmunds School for the 1996-97 school year. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Education, with the assistance of a study committee, to review and make recommendations concerning the provision of education services in the unorganized territory.

**LD 1786 An Act to Transfer the Agricultural Education Consultant to
the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	ONTP	

LD 1786 one of 6 bills submitted by the Commission to Study Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State. The bill proposed to transfer the position of agricultural education consultant, established under the Department of Education by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 253, subsection 6, to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to facilitate and administer the department's educational programs.

LD 1791 An Act to Initiate Education Reform in Maine PUBLIC 649

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AMERO	OTP-AM MAJ	S-549
MITCHELL EH	OTP-AM MIN	S-600