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**STATE OF MAINE  
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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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ON  
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**JULY 1997**

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*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*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND PENDLETON P	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-349 S-370 MICHAUD

LD 54 proposed to authorize the Maine Arts Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to establish an arts education outreach program that provides arts education to all public school students. The proposed program would also provide professional development opportunities in arts education to teachers statewide.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-349)** proposed to modify the authority of the Maine Arts Commission and qualify the role of the Department of Education with respect to the establishment and administration of the arts education outreach program. The Maine Arts Commission would establish the program with the advice of the Commissioner of Education. The Department of Education would also provide the Maine Arts Commission with information, promotion, technical support, resources and personnel as necessary to administer the statewide arts education outreach program. The amendment would also add an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-370)** proposed to reduce the amount appropriated for the arts outreach program. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1997, chapter 532 authorizes the Maine Arts Commission, with the advice of the Commissioner of Education, to establish and administer an arts education outreach program that provides arts education to all public school students and professional development opportunities in arts education to teachers statewide. The Department of Education will also provide the Maine Arts Commission with information, promotion, technical support, resources and personnel as necessary to administer the statewide arts education outreach program.

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

LD 67 proposed to eliminate the position and office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, eliminate the position of president for each campus and instead provide for one president for the combined campuses. To accomplish this, the bill would have:

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

