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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**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).

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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LD 100 **An Act to Require Elementary and Secondary School Teachers to Be Certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic First Aid** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 100 proposed that in order to be certified as an elementary or secondary school teacher, a person must have current certification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid.

LD 185 **An Act to Reward Schools for Exceptional Student Performance on the 4th-grade Maine Educational Assessment Exam** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCELROY SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 185 proposed to establish a financial incentive program to reward schools whose 4th-grade students demonstrate exceptional performance on the Maine educational assessment test. Funding for the proposed incentives will be provided from the Revenue Targeting Fund prior to any adjustment of income tax rates.

LD 186 **An Act to Limit Reimbursement for Public School Construction and Renovation to \$80 per Square Foot** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCELROY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 186 proposed to limit the State's reimbursement for public school construction and renovation projects.

LD 187 **An Act to Provide That Students Receiving Any Services from a School Be Counted as Students for Purposes of State Aid** **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCELROY SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 187 proposed to allow school units to be reimbursed for students attending equivalent instruction programs who received any services provided by their local school units. This bill further proposed to classify such students as full-time equivalent local students for which the school units would be entitled reimbursement at the same rate as for other students in attendance in those school units.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-321) proposed to allow school units to be reimbursed proportionally for students participating in equivalent instruction programs who receive any on-site academic services provided by their local

school units. The amendment would have further classified such students as full-time equivalent students according to the number of hours they received on-site academic services at a public school. School units would have been required to keep accurate records and report full-time equivalency enrollment. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

LD 190 **An Act to Require a Revote by Referendum on a School Budget and to Clarify the Budget Referendum Approval Process** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOGLUND	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 190 proposed to allow school districts to clarify the relationship between the warrant articles authorizing specific line item expenditures and the warrant articles summarizing the three major types of expenditures. The purpose of the bill is to correct the situation that arises when voters approve the specific line item expenditures but not the overall school budget.

LD 236 **An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Acquisition of Driver's Licenses by Minors** **ONTP**

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

LD 236 proposed to require that minors 18 years of age and under meet certain educational standards in order to apply for driver's licenses.

LD 237 **An Act to Increase the Funding for School Construction** **PUBLIC 469**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY LIBBY	OTP-AM	H-574

LD 237 proposed to increase the maximum debt service limits for fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-00 to increase funding available for school construction.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-574) proposed to require that the state share of the school construction debt service costs, as biennially established by the Legislature, must be supported by General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000. This amendment would also increase the debt service limit for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 to \$72,000,000 and \$74,000,000, respectively. Finally, this amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary