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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</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/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</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>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</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>Bill held by Governor</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 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 929

An Act to Amend the School Construction Laws to Allow School Construction Projects That Expand Existing School Facilities beyond 8,000 Square Feet to Be Eligible for State School Construction Subsidies

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
FOSTER

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 929 proposed to direct the State Board of Education to revise the rules and approval criteria for the use of state school construction subsidies. Under this bill, the state board would have been charged with reviewing and adopting school construction approval rules that allow school construction projects that expand existing school facilities beyond 8,000 square feet to be eligible for state school construction subsidies.

LD 947

An Act to Include Youth in Public Service

ONTP

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VIGUE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 947 proposed to involve the youth of the State in public service. The bill would have required school boards and municipal legislative bodies to select secondary school students to serve as nonvoting members on those bodies. The bill further proposed to direct the State Planning Office to review state organizations, including boards and commissions, to determine on which ones it would be appropriate to place student members.

LD 953

An Act to Ensure That the Technical College System Is More Responsive to the Needs of the State

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
WRIGHT
LAWRENCE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 953 proposed to promote the development and implementation of courses and degrees at the technical colleges that are relevant to Maine's employment needs.

LD 973

An Act to Allow Towns within a Community School District to Vote on a School Budget by Referendum

ONTP

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LAYTON

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted