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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. 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 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:

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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUTLAND	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-753 MICHAUD

LD 2012 proposed to provide funds to help state departments and agencies solve problems in their information systems that are expected to occur in the year 2000. It appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1997-98 to the Bureau of Information Services to create a contingency fund. Authorized uses would have included software and hardware replacements, external consulting and staff retention.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-753) replaced the bill. It required the Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to provide quarterly reports to the Legislature describing the progress of state departments and agencies toward resolving "Year 2000" information system problems. The amendment also provided funding to assist the Legislature with its "Year 2000" and migration needs.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 87 requires the Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to provide quarterly reports to the Legislature describing the progress of state departments and agencies toward resolving "Year 2000" information system problems. The law also provides funding to assist the Legislature with its "Year 2000" and migration needs. This bill was enacted as an emergency measure effective on April 14, 1998.

LD 2023

An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly

P & S 85

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS LEMAIRE	OTP-AM	S-479 S-726 MICHAUD

LD 2023 proposed to provide the Department of Human Services with General Fund appropriations totaling \$383,230 to restore funding that was cut in 1991 to the area agencies on aging. This bill proposed to restore funds for meals on wheels, outreach funds for services to people in their homes, senior volunteer services, transportation and planning and administrative coordination.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-479) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Purchased Social Services program by \$100,000 and provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$283,230 to accurately reflect the amount required to restore, but not increase, funding for certain services provided by the area agencies on aging.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-726) proposed to provide a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to partially restore funding that was cut in 1991 for services provided through the area agencies on aging. It also proposed a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for the Department of Human Services to issue a request for proposals for supportive services in assisted living settings in the Bangor area. It also proposed to deallocate Other Special Revenue funds from the Bureau of Medical Services to reflect that certain license fee revenue must be deposited in the General Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1815.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 85 includes a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to partially restore funding for priority social service programs for home support provided through the area agencies on aging. It also includes a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for the Department of Human Services to issue a request for proposals for supportive services in assisted living settings in the Bangor area. It also deallocates \$250,000 from Other Special Revenue funds within the Bureau of Medical Services to reflect that certain license fee revenue must be deposited in the General Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1815.

LD 2041 An Act to Correct and Supplement Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics PUBLIC 760 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND	OTP-AM MAJ	H-927
KIEFFER	OTP MIN	S-778 KIEFFER

LD 2041 proposed to provide funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-927) proposed to amend the reporting requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to require that certain reports be submitted annually rather than biennially. It also required the school to submit quarterly financial statements. The amendment also clarified that the General Fund appropriations were being provided on a one-time basis to pay outstanding bills.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-778) removed the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and moved the General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 to fiscal year 1998-99.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 760 requires the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to submit annual rather than biennial reports to the Governor and the Legislature and requires the school to also submit quarterly financial statements. The act also provides a General Fund appropriation to the school of \$150,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 on a one-time basis to pay outstanding bills.

LD 2045 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 to Provide Affordable and Accessible Housing for Persons Who Are Mentally Retarded ONTP

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

LD 2045 proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$8,000,000, that would have been used for affordable and accessible housing for persons who are mentally retarded.