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

**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.

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.