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STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 1999

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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*  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*  
*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*  
*READ AND PASSED*..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*  
*PASSED AS AMENDED* ..... *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 444 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,750,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Maine State Housing Authority to support the Keeping Seniors Home program, which assists certain residents over 60 years of age with modifications to their homes to prevent or delay placement in nursing facilities.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-244)** proposed to reduce the amount of General Fund appropriations to a total of \$2,000,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Maine State Housing Authority to support the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program. It also added provisions that governed program expenditures and required a report on savings to existing General Fund programs that result from the Keeping Seniors Home program.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table.

**LD 462**                      **An Act to Require That All Fines Collected by State Agencies Be Deposited in the General Fund**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 462 proposed to require the Treasurer of State to deposit all fines, penalties and forfeitures received by all state departments and agencies into the General Fund. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 475**                      **An Act to Promote Adult Education**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON BERRY D	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 475 proposed that funding for the state subsidy for public school adult education in fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-00 be no less than the level appropriated for fiscal year 1996-97 and required that the state subsidy for adult education increase in proportion to any increase in the state subsidy to public education for grades kindergarten to 12.

**LD 487**                      **An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse Prevention in Maine**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO PARADIS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 487 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,150,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for the Department of Human Services to increase funding to local child abuse and neglect prevention programs throughout the State.