

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 585****An Act to Appropriate \$4,000,000 for School-based Health Clinics****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 585 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,000,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for the Department of Human Services to increase funding for school-based health clinics throughout the State.

**LD 591****An Act to Increase Access to Primary Health Care in Rural Maine****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 591 proposed to provide funds for the operation of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System as designated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12851. The system would implement the mission as originally established in Public Law 1991, chapter 372.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)** reduced the appropriation to \$100,000 each year. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, many of the provisions of the bill were included, in amended form, in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part OO.

**LD 599****An Act to Expand Peer Support Services for the Mentally Ill****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINGREE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 599 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to support volunteer peer support programs for people with chronic mental illness.

**LD 613****An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,000,000 to Purchase School Buses for Public Schools****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY O'GARA	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 613 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$7,000,000, that would have been used to purchase school buses for Maine's public schools. Proceeds of the bond issue were to be disbursed over a 3-year period.

The bill also proposed that the Department of Education adopt rules to determine the criteria for bus replacement, which at a minimum, would require buses to be replaced be at least 10 years old and have mileage in excess of 150,000 miles.