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**STATE OF MAINE
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ON
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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:

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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

purchase of information resources, equipment and staff support for the State Research Library for Business, Science and Technology.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into the Part 2 budget (Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part UU).

See also LD 2243.

LD 686

An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to the Employment Needs of Growing High-technology Companies

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE BENNETT	ONTP	

LD 686 proposed to appropriate \$1,000,000 per year in the next biennium to the Maine Technical College System for the initial capitalization of new or expanded catalog programs at the technical colleges to serve new and emerging high-technology industries.

See also LD 2243.

LD 698

An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development to Establish a Center for Advanced Law and Management

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE KONTOS	ONTP	

LD 698 proposed to appropriate funds to create and support a Center for Advanced Law and Management at the University of Southern Maine. The Center would strengthen the competitive advantage of Maine firms and entrepreneurs by creating a forum to address many of the complex issues that impact technology-based businesses.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into the Part 2 budget (Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part TT).

See also LD 2243.

LD 930

An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development to Provide Research Internship Opportunities for Teachers and Students

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMONT MACKINNON	ONTP	