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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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](http://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
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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

LD 933 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed a direct initiative and people's veto process for school policies and rules to be exercised by the voters of any school unit. The processes proposed are similar to those available under the Constitution of Maine for initiation and veto of legislation by the voters of the State.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON	OTP-AM	S-634

LD 1261 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to require unlicensed school personnel to be trained before administering medication to students in Maine's public schools and approved private schools.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-634)** proposed to replace the bill, add a mandate preamble and accomplish the following.

1. It proposed to require the Commissioner of Education to adopt or amend rules for the administration of medication to students in public or approved private schools. These rules must follow the training model and use the training manual developed by the School Health Advisory Committee.
2. It proposed to require public or approved private schools to develop written local policies and procedures for administering medication by the start of the 2001-02 school year; local policies must include a requirement that all unlicensed personnel who administer medications receive training before they are authorized to do so.
3. It proposed to provide that these requirements be added to the standards for basic school approval. These state rules and local policies and procedures must be developed and implemented for the start of the 2001-02 school year.
4. It proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 669 requires public and approved private schools to develop written local policies and procedures for administering medication by the start of the 2001-02 school year; local policies must include a requirement that all unlicensed personnel who administer medications receive training before they are authorized to do so. The law also adds these requirements to the standards for basic school approval; and requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt or amend rules for the administration of