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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.

The provisions of the resolve and the committee amendment expanding home visiting services, requiring an evaluation component to the program and allowing voluntary family donations on a sliding scale upon termination of services to those families were included in the Part II Budget, P.L. 1999, c. 401, Part LLL.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-454) proposed to reduce the General Fund costs of the bill by \$1,620,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$6,408,440 in fiscal year 2000-01. A General Fund appropriation of \$1,620,000 was included in the Part II Budget, P.L. 1999, c. 401, Part LLL.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 79 renames the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers. The new name is the Task Force on Early Care and Education. The task force membership is expanded to include two additional legislators. An interim report is required from the task force by January 15, 2000 and a final report by January 15, 2001

LD 981 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Authorize the City of Auburn to Conduct the Expansion, Renovation and Repair of the East Auburn School in Auburn, Maine** **ONTP**

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

LD 981 proposed to direct the Department of Education to authorize the City of Auburn to perform the expansion, renovation and repair of the East Auburn School in Auburn including to remedy existing health and safety problems and acquire land to accommodate the physical expansion of the school building. The sponsor requested an ONTP report on the bill because LD 780 deals with the issue in a more general way. (LD 780 was carried over by the committee).

LD 999 **An Act to Reduce Property Taxes by Reimbursing Out-of-District Special Education Placements and to Establish Oversight of Those Costs** **ONTP**

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

LD 999 proposed to require the State to reimburse a school administrative district for 100% of the district's special education tuition and cost for an out-of-district placement. This bill also proposed to require the Department of Education to oversee entities that provide special education services and out-of-district placements and to report annually to all school districts all of the cost-saving measures taken by the department in the year reported.

LD 1050 **An Act to Establish a Scholarship Fund for Law Enforcement Education** **ONTP**

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