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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 2232**An Act to Allow the Cumberland County Domestic Violence Unit to Hire 2 New Assistant District Attorneys Immediately****P & S 29
EMERGENCY**Sponsor(s)
HARRIMAN
SAXL MCommittee Report
OTPAmendments Adopted

LD 2232 proposed to authorize Cumberland County to hire two new Assistant District Attorneys in an immediate manner and replace Other Special Revenue funds allocations included in Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 10, a non-emergency act (see LD 996), with new Other Special Revenue funds allocations that would become effective June 1, 1999. These allocations would have also represented an equal net increase of dedicated revenue to the Department of the Attorney General.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 29 allocates a net increase of Other Special Revenue funds of \$9,714 in fiscal year 1998-99 and \$2,825 in fiscal year 1999-00 to allow the Cumberland County Domestic Violence Unit to hire 2 new assistant district attorneys effective June 1, 1999.

LD 2247**An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining****PUBLIC 454
EMERGENCY**Sponsor(s)
MICHAUD
TOWNSENDCommittee Report
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted
S-415

LD 2247 proposed to implement the cost items in the several collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and bargaining agents representing certain state employees and to identify and implement salary and benefit adjustments for executive and legislative branch employees excluded from collective bargaining. It also proposed to authorize the Governor to grant similar and equitable treatment to unclassified employees whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval and authorizes the Legislative Council to approve salary and benefit changes for employees of the legislative branch, including constitutional officers and the State Auditor, not covered by collective bargaining.

LD 2247 also proposed to authorize use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items; to provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources; and to provide for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the processes of collective bargaining and contract administration and related costs to those processes. It also proposed to amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8 to increase the rate of mileage reimbursement for state employees for the use of their privately owned vehicles from 24¢ to 26¢ effective January 1, 2000 and from 26¢ to 28¢ effective January 1, 2001.