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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.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 454 implements the cost items in the several collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and bargaining agents representing state employees and identifies and implements salary and benefit adjustments for executive and legislative branch employees excluded from collective bargaining. It authorizes 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.

It determines the costs to the General Fund and the Highway Fund to fund the bargaining agreements. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 for bargaining unit members and provides for the addition of a new step at the top of the salary schedules and the elimination of the lowest step. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in various classifications.

Public Law 1999, chapter 454 also authorizes use of the Salary Plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items; provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources; and provides 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 amends 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.

LD 2248

An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excepted from Collective Bargaining for the Judicial Branch

**P & S 34
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
LONGLEY
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Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-414

LD 2248 proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It provided for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 and provided for the elimination of the first step and the addition of a new top step. It also provided for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It also implemented the cost items for employees excluded from collective bargaining, extending similar treatment to those employees. It also authorized use of the Salary Plan program to fund collective bargaining agreements and other cost items and provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources.

Committee Amendment "A " (S-414) added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 34 contains three parts. Part A implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01 and provides for the elimination of the first step and the addition of a new top step. It also provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees in classifications in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory