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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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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be so designated and thus eligible for the CDGB funds. The law also makes other minor wording changes to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 104.

**LD 2309**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Transfer or Acquire Property or Interests in Property at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro and Maine State Prison in Thomaston**

**RESOLVE 97**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON	OTP-AM	S-550

LD 2309 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to acquire or release easements, rights-of-way and other interests in property at the Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro in order to contribute to the value and efficient functioning of the facility.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)**, proposed to amend the resolve by limiting the authority of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer or to acquire interests in property to nonfee interests such as easements or rights-of-way. The amendment also proposed to include as property subject to the resolve the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville and the Maine State Prison in Thomaston. It also amends the title to reflect those additional properties. The amendment also proposed to repeal the resolve 3 years after its effective date.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 97 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer or acquire nonfee interests such as easements or rights-of-way in state-owned property at the Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville and the Maine State Prison in Thomaston. The authority granted in the resolve is automatically repealed 3 years from the resolve's effective date.

**LD 2319**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Maine State Prison in Thomaston**

**RESOLVE 114**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-862

LD 2319 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease the Maine State Prison in Thomaston.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-862)**, which was adopted, proposed to amend the resolve by extending the repeal date of the resolve from 3 years to 5 years from its effective date.