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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**JULY 2000**

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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>
BRENNAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2326 proposed to authorize Portland College to grant degrees.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1078)** is the majority report of the committee and proposed to clarify the degrees that may be granted by Portland College. The amendment also proposed that the State Board of Education review the start-up operations of Portland College and issue an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 1, 2002 and a final report by January 1, 2003. The amendment also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN	OTP-AM	H-1097 S-794 MICHAUD

LD 2327, a resolve, proposed to establish the Commission to Study Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1097)** proposed to make the following changes to the resolve:

1. It proposed to change the title of the resolve to align with the additional duties of addressing administrator shortages in the State;
2. It proposed to increase the commission membership total to 14 members by adding 5 new members;
3. It proposed to clarify the convening process for the commission and the appointment process for the commission chair;
4. It proposed to add 3 new duties to the commission charge, including the duty of addressing administrator shortages in the State and the duty of studying financial incentives for the recruitment and retention of teachers;
5. It proposed to allow the commission to request that consulting services be provided to provide staffing assistance and research services for this commission;
6. It proposed to clarify that the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature; and
7. It proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.