

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst  
 DATE: July, 2000  
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

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:

*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 amendment 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.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-876)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation from \$470,046 to \$424,545 in fiscal year 2000-01, add a report requirement for domestic violence prosecutors and add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-751)** proposed to eliminate the General Fund appropriation for 9 Assistant District Attorney positions and include a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for one Assistant District Attorney position in Cumberland County.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Public Law 1999, chapter 746 provides a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the Department of the Attorney General to establish one Assistant District Attorney General position for Cumberland County to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. It also requires the Attorney General to compile data from domestic violence prosecutors statewide and report on this information annually.

In addition, Public Law 1999, chapter 731, section A-1 provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of the Attorney General of \$426,077 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 8 additional Assistant District Attorney positions to prosecute domestic violence cases, five of which were previously funded through Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue funds allocations.

**LD 2414**

**An Act to Support and Expand the Maine Writing Project**

**P & S 78**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-859

LD 2414 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to support and expand the Maine Writing Project. The Maine Writing Project follows the National Writing Project model of collaborative university and school programs, the goals of which are to improve student achievement in learning and writing, which is a major feature of the Maine Learning Results and the Maine Educational Assessment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-859)** proposed to decrease the amount appropriated to the Maine Writing Project from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and require that the money appropriated must be supplemented by funds provided by the University of Maine System of \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships for teachers in the Maine Writing Project. The amendment also proposed to add a General Fund deappropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Professional Development program within the Department of Education and a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 78 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System to support the Maine Writing Project and to expand the project to teachers in diverse geographic and curriculum areas. This amount will be supplemented by \$4,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 in the form of scholarships provided by the University of Maine System for teachers in the Maine Writing Project.

A General Fund deappropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Department of Education, Professional Development program is also included to offset the additional funds to support the Maine Writing Project.

**LD 2420                      Resolve, to Enhance Opportunities in Math and Science for Maine Students                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY T KONTOS	ONTP	

LD 2420 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the University of Maine System for approximately 1/4 of the costs of construction of a new building on the campus of the University of Southern Maine to house a new proposed program, developed jointly through a partnership between the University of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine, the Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for Blood Research, whose purpose is to provide for training postgraduate students with math or science degrees in education; these students would be encouraged to enter the field of teaching, thus aiding in the amelioration of the shortage of math and science teachers in secondary education. The proposed funding and the development of the program would have been contingent on the provision of adequate funding from sources other than the University of Maine System to cover the balance of the costs of constructing the new building.

**LD 2452                      An Act to Appropriate Funds to Help Restore Historic St. Lawrence Church                      ONTP**

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

LD 2452 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to aid the Friends of the St. Lawrence Church in the restoration of the St. Lawrence Church, a locally and nationally designated landmark in Portland, Maine.

**LD 2456                      An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Forum Francophone                      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAILHOT LAWRENCE	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	

LD 2456 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Economic and Community Development for the Forum Francophone.