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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).

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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LD 2478

An Act to License Cued Speech Transliterators for the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KONTOS | ONTP | |

LD 2478 proposed to establish licensure requirements for cued speech transliterators. Under the bill, the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation would have been authorized to license cued speech transliterators and to consult with an advisory council regarding the regulation of transliterators.

LD 2502

An Act to Support the Maine Rural Development Council and its Community Capacity Building Work in Distressed Rural Areas in the State

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LAWRENCE ROWE | ONTP | |

LD 2502 proposed to direct the Maine Rural Development Council to provide advocacy for the social and economic needs of rural Maine communities and to develop community capacity building projects. It also proposed to appropriate \$125,000 to the council.

The provisions of this bill were incorporated into Part II Budget, Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part VVV.

LD 2505

An Act to Support Child Care Education and Services

PUBLIC 783

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LONGLEY | OTP-AM | S-580 S-782 MICHAUD |

LD 2505 proposed to lower eligibility standards for child development students to apply to the Educators for Maine Program; allow child development students to fulfill Educators for Maine Program return service requirements by working in a child care facility; and appropriate funds to the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-580) proposed to make the following changes to the Educators for Maine Program:

1. It proposed to resolve a conflict in the Educators for Maine Program as amended by Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part OOO, section 6 and chapter 441, section 6;