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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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOUGLASS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-577

LD 2498 proposed to establish standards and policies for the Department of Labor in the implementation of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), including requirements that service be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and that training and job placement be based on developing self-sufficiency. It also proposed to specify that a person engaged in training under the WIA does not lose eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-577) proposed to strike the provisions of the bill establishing standards and policies for the Department of Labor and the local workforce investment boards to follow in implementing the federal Workforce Investment Act. It also proposed to amend the section providing that a person in training under the Workforce Investment Act is deemed to be in approved training for purposes of qualifying for unemployment benefits, by providing that the law is not effective if inconsistent with federal law.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 705 provides that a person in training under the federal Workforce Investment Act is deemed to be in approved training for purposes of qualifying for unemployment benefits, but provides that the law is not effective if inconsistent with federal law.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN MILLS	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2561 proposed to require an employer to pay for treatment of an injured worker by a specialist until the Workers' Compensation Board rendered a decision on the employer's appeal. If the Board determined that the employer was not required to pay for the treatment, the employer could recover the costs from the employee.