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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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).

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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"Adult Education" into a separate program within the Department of Education and would provide a 3% increase in the fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-756) proposed to eliminate the appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2000-01.

While this bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was enacted into law, the supplemental appropriations bill included \$163,939 in fiscal year 2000-01 for adult education (see Public Law 1999, chapter 731, part A, section A-1).

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 96 organizes "Adult Education" into a separate program within the Department of Education and provides \$78,855, or a 3% increase, in fiscal year 1999-00.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 96 was enacted as an emergency measure on May 10, 2000.

LD 2500

**An Act to Increase the Marketable Skills of University of
Maine System Students**

ONTP

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

LD 2500 was referred to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and proposed to provide a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$7,000,000 and proposed to add \$3,000,000 to the University of Maine System's base budget to increase resources for technology for students and to invest in MaineUnet, Mariner and electronic resource expansion.

LD 2515

**An Act to Provide Equal Access to Meeting the Needs of Students
at Public Institutions of Higher Education**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA MURPHY T	ONTP	

LD 2515 proposed to require public postsecondary institutions other than the Maine Maritime Academy to provide to private bookstores the same information and services that the postsecondary institution provides to campus bookstores operated by or on behalf of the institution.