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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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**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;

2. It proposed to delete the exemption for child development students from the requirement to show evidence of academic achievement;
3. It proposed to establish loan limits for child development students;
4. It proposed to limit the maximum amount of loan forgiveness available to child development students; and
5. It proposed to make changes to the return service requirement for child development services.

The amendment also proposed to decrease the appropriation for the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund, remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause and add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-782)** proposed to remove the provisions of the committee amendment that limit the maximum amount of loan forgiveness and also proposed to strike the appropriation.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 783 amends both the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund and the Educators for Maine Program. It allows Quality Child Care Education Scholarships to be distributed to students in courses at institutions that have articulated agreements with accredited institutions of higher education. It makes the following changes to the Educators for Maine Program:

1. It resolves a conflict in the program as it was amended by PL 1999, chapter 401, Pt. 000, §6 and chapter 441, §6;
2. It establishes program loan limits for child development students; and
3. It specifies return service requirements for child development students.

Chapter 783 also directs the Department of Human Services to develop a list of quality child care sites in the State.

Note: \$145,356 was allocated to the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund in the Part II Budget, PL 1999, chapter 731, Part NN.

**LD 2506**

**An Act to Establish the Applied Technology Development Center System**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER DAGGETT	OTP-AM	

LD 2506 proposed to establish the Applied Technology Center System. Under the bill, the system would be a component of the State's efforts to foster new technology-based businesses in fields such as biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, environmental