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**STATE OF MAINE  
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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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE ROWE	OTP	S-769 MICHAUD

LD 2519 proposed to increase access to the Maine Technical College System. The first part of the bill proposed to provide funding to add 250 additional students systemwide beginning in the fall of 2000.

The 2nd part of the bill proposed to address the Maine Technical College System's need to provide students with the ability to take courses and do research over the Internet. The bill proposed to provide funding to migrate to Asynchronous Transfer Mode, or ATM, delivery that will provide greater speed and access by students to the Internet. In addition, this bill proposed to provide funding to develop curriculum in all areas of study for courses to be taught via web-based delivery, as well as the training of faculty in the use of web-based delivery.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-769)** proposed to strike the appropriation section of the resolve. While Senate Amendment "A" was accepted, the supplemental appropriations bill included \$2,000,000 in one-time funds in fiscal year 2000-01 for technology improvements and operational support and further provided \$900,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for operational support and increased access for students (see Public Law 1999, chapter 731, part A, section A-1).

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 128 provides that the Maine Technical College System shall attempt to increase its system-wide enrollment to 10,000 students during the two biennia by authorizing the technical colleges to attempt to enroll 1,000 newly matriculated students system-wide over the next four years. The resolve also states that the Legislature intends to appropriate and allocate the funds necessary to reach these enrollment targets.

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

LD 2538 proposed to require the Department of Education and every school administrative unit in the State to provide professional development to the unit's administrators, teachers and educational technicians and to develop a professional development plan. This bill also proposed that the department summarize the performance of these plans and report this summary to the Legislature every 2 years and to award grants to school administrative units that need to bring their plans to standards or that have special professional development needs. Finally, the bill proposed to appropriate funds to implement the bill.