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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
 DATE: July, 2000
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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
READ AND PASSED Joint Order passed by the House and Senate
PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

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

LD 2598 proposed to make an appropriation to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the bill proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for tutors and short-term substitutes necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-900) proposed to replace the bill and include an appropriation section to provide funding to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility to enhance teacher development and meet the special educational needs of students at the facility. Specifically, the amendment proposed to provide \$100,000 for professional development in special education and alternative education, \$39,794 for an additional special education teacher and \$75,000 for substitute teachers necessary to address the educational needs of students when the student population is at maximum capacity.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-919) proposed to maintain the same funding contained in the committee amendment but also provide funding for 2 part-time teacher positions and one teacher aide position due to a loss of federal funding. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the amendment.

LD 2609 **Resolve, to Ensure Adequate Funding for the Lewiston District Court** **RESOLVE 120**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERUBE	OTP-AM	S-561
MENDROS		S-708 MICHAUD

LD 2609 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in the amount of \$2,000,000 to replace the Lewiston District Court. This authorization would be in addition to the \$5,000,000 previously approved. The additional authority would be needed to meet increased construction costs and to provide an expansion in the size of the facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-561) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-708) proposed to specify that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may issue additional securities on or after July 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to strike the appropriation section.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 120 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in its own name in the amount of \$2,000,000 on or after July 1, 2001 to replace the Lewiston District Court.