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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Criminal Justice*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

makes clear that a prisoner can qualify for a reduced sentence through performing public service work, whether that work is performed on the property of a charitable organization or on property of the county.

LD 349 **An Act Concerning the Transportation of Juvenile Offenders** **DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PEAVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-455
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LD 349 proposed to relieve the county of the cost of transporting juveniles other than to a courthouse. The cost of other court-ordered transportation would be the responsibility of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-455) replaced the bill and proposed to repeal juvenile transportation provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A and create one transportation provision in the Maine Juvenile Code. The new provision proposed to direct county sheriffs to provide court-ordered and court-related transportation of juvenile detainees and require the Department of Corrections to reimburse the transporting county for those costs. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note and an appropriation.

LD 349 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" was not removed by the Senate from the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

LD 385 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bail** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SKOGLUND PENDLETON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 385 proposed to allow sheriffs to appoint county jail employees to act as bail commissioners. The bill proposed that a fee received by a sheriff serving as a bail commissioner would have to be paid to the county.

LD 407 **An Act Relating to Out-of-state Travel for Work Purposes for
Persons on Probation or on Supervised Release** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NORBERT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 407 proposed to allow a convicted person who is placed on probation or on supervised release out-of-state travel for work purposes only.