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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Education and Cultural Affairs*

*August 2001*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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](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:

*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 Education and Cultural Affairs

**LD 475**

**An Act to Govern Fees Assessed by the Bureau of General Services CARRIED OVER  
that Apply to School Construction Projects**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| NASS<br>LONGLEY   |                         |                           |

LD 475 proposes to specify that the fee assessed a school administrative unit by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services for services associated with a school construction project may not exceed \$15,000. The bill also proposes to require the Bureau of General Services to furnish reports to the project unit school board and the State Board of Education concerning the services provided on school construction projects. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 532**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Technical College  
System for the Programs and Operation of the Bath Higher  
Education Center**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MAYO<br>SMALL     | OTP-AM                  | H-128                     |

LD 532 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$396,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support an operating budget for the proposed Bath Higher Education Center.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-128)** proposed to change the title of the bill and to reduce the General Fund appropriation for the operation of the Bath Higher Education Center from \$396,000 to \$300,000. The amendment also proposed to provide that, prior to the appropriation to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System for program and operating expenses of the proposed Bath Higher Education Center on the site of the former Mid Coast Hospital campus in Bath, the City of Bath must secure the necessary funds to develop, renovate and equip the proposed Bath Higher Education Center from private sector and public sector entities. The amendment further proposed to permit the City of Bath to use any unexpended and unobligated funds to support the program and operational budget of the Bath Higher Education Center. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. (Not adopted)

The provisions of the bill as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and contingent upon passage of a \$1,000,000 General Fund bond to develop, renovate and equip the proposed Bath Higher Education Center, were included in the Part II budget, P.L. 2001, c. 439, Part HHH. Other bills addressed the necessary funds to develop, renovate and equip the proposed Bath Higher Education Center (see LD 111 and LD 1378).