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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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120th Legislature First Regular Session

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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.	
DIFD RETWEEN BODIES	House & Senate disagree; bill died
	accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
FMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	EEmergency 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 REFORE THE RODY	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEE DD	Rill Indefinitely Postnoved
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND	
OTD ND/NT	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
D L C VVV	
DIDIIC VVV	Chapter # of enacted Frivate & Special Law
DECOLUE VVV	Chanten # of English and Develop
RESULVE AAA	Chapter # of enacted Public LawChapter # of finally passed ResolveBill held by Governor
VETO CUCTANED	Bill neld by Governor
YEIU SUSIAINED	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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

been administered by the Finance Authority of Maine with assistance in determining recipients from an advisory committee.

LD 842

An Act to Allow Senior Citizens to Take One Course per Semester at the University of Maine System without Charge

ONTP

DUNCAN

Committee Report Amendments Adopted
ONTP

LD 842 proposed to allow a person 65 years of age or older to take one course per year free of charge in any University of Maine System institution if there is available space in the class.

LD 859 An Act to Fund Technology Advancements for Maine's Libraries

ONTP

DUNLAP DAGGETT

Committee Report Amendments Adopted
ONTP

LD 859, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to fund technology advancements for Maine's libraries.

LD 860 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Audit to Review Procedures, **ONTP**

Goals and Actual Expenditures of General Purpose Aid Disbursements through the School Funding Formula

Sponsor(s) DUNLAP **DAVIS P**

Amendments Adopted

LD 860 proposed to direct the Department of Audit to examine disbursements of general purpose aid for education and to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

LD 873 An Act to Require Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification **ONTP**

Prior to Graduation from High School

Amendments Adopted