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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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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**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNCAN MARTIN	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**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP DAGGETT	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, Goals and Actual Expenditures of General Purpose Aid Disbursements through the School Funding Formula**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP DAVIS P	ONTP	

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 Prior to Graduation from High School**                      **ONTP**

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

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LD 873 proposed to add certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the high school diploma curriculum requirements.

**LD 878**                      **An Act to Extend Options for Obtaining a General Educational Diploma**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SULLIVAN MICHAUD MH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 878 proposed to allow the University of Maine System to offer an on-line program to allow individuals the opportunity to obtain their general educational diploma.

**LD 888**                      **An Act Concerning the Benefits and Privileges of Tuition Students at Receiving Public and Private Schools**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WINSOR FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 888 proposed to provide tuition students from the unorganized territory with the same privileges and benefits as other students in the public or private school to which the tuition student attends. This bill also proposed to broaden the law to apply to all tuition students, regardless of whether the tuition student resides in a municipality or an unorganized territory.

**LD 889**                      **An Act to Establish a Mandated Minimum for Teachers' Salaries**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BAKER MICHAUD MH		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 889 proposes to establish a mandatory minimum salary of \$25,000 for certified teachers and to provide a block grant of \$800 per teacher to each school administrative unit for teachers' salaries. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.