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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 945**

**Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Examine the Establishment and Implementation of State Standards for Indoor Air Quality in Maine Schools**

**RESOLVE 50  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM	H-631

LD 945, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to revise and create air quality standards for renovations and construction of schools. This bill also proposed to increase the number of personnel in the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality for the purpose of implementing and enforcing the new air quality standards.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-631)** proposed to change the bill to a resolve and establish the Task Force to Examine the Establishment and Implementation of State Standards for Indoor Air Quality in Maine Schools to examine the advisability of establishing and implementing indoor air quality standards for school facilities. The task force would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Legislative Council by November 15, 2001.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 50 establishes the Task Force to Examine the Establishment and Implementation of State Standards for Indoor Air Quality in Maine Schools to examine the advisability of establishing and implementing indoor air quality standards for school facilities. The task force is to submit its report, including findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Legislative Council by November 15, 2001. The law also authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Resolve 2001, chapter 50 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2001.

**LD 963**

**An Act to Protect Occupants from Diesel Exhaust Emitted by School Buses**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 963 proposed to require a school board to consider the amount of pollution emitted by a school bus when purchasing a school bus.