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*State Of Maine  
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*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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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 991**

**An Act to Expand the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search Venture** **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

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

LD 991 proposed to provide funding to the University of Maine System to fund the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search, a pilot project joint venture between the University of Maine System and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. The venture is a correspondence program for children in grades 6 to 12 to encourage and assist the development of problem-solving skills by mailing participating students problems 8 times per year, scoring the students' answers and recognizing the top scorer in each grade through awards and, for high school juniors and seniors, possible scholarships to the University of Maine System.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)** was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and proposed to strike and replace the bill. The amendment proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation for the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search from \$97,000 to \$94,265 in fiscal year 2001-02 and eliminate the proposed General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2002-03. The amendment also proposed to provide that the appropriation will be made to the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance to support the administrative and operating costs of the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search program. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. The amendment was not adopted.

**LD 994**

**Resolve, to Provide a Process for Amending the Cost-sharing Method Used in School Administrative District No. 33** **RESOLVE 55**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	OTP-AM	S-285

LD 994 proposed to establish a so-called "circuit breaker" provision to limit the disparity of member municipalities' shared costs per pupil within a school administrative district. The bill proposed to provide that a school administrative district is required to adjust the method of sharing local costs of operating the district when the difference between the per pupil costs of 2 or more municipalities within the district is greater than 25%.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-285)** proposed to strike and replace the bill with a resolve. The amendment proposed to provide for a process of so-called "final offer arbitration" as a means to revising the method of sharing costs between the municipalities of St. Agatha and Frenchville in the 2-member district of School Administrative District No. 33. The amendment proposed to require that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1301, subsection 3, the Commissioner of Education appoint an arbitrator to assist the representatives of School Administrative District No. 33 in the settlement of a dispute related to amending the cost-sharing formula between the 2 parties.

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