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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).

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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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**.

David E. Boulter, Director
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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 1183

Resolve, to Establish a Political Education Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1183 proposed to direct the Department of Education to develop a political education program, based upon the education programs sponsored by the National Assembly of Quebec, to introduce the political system of the State to students and the general public and to enhance their understanding of how State Government works and affects our surroundings.

LD 1184

An Act to Guarantee Hot Lunches for Maine Students

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAEL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1184 proposed to require all public secondary schools to participate in the National School Lunch Program. This bill also proposed to correct a cross-reference.

LD 1214

An Act to Encourage the Use of Locally Grown Foods in School Food Service Programs

PUBLIC 447

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY VOLENIK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-174 KILKELLY S-391 GOLDTHWAIT
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LD 1214 proposed to provide a one dollar state match for every three dollars spent by a school administrative unit on local produce for that unit's food service programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134) proposed to add a \$37,200 appropriation to the bill to fund the state match.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-391) proposed to specify that the type of foods eligible for state match is produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer or farmers' cooperative in the State.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 447 provides a one dollar match for every 3 dollars a school administrative unit spends on produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer or farmers' cooperative in the State. The term "minimally processed" is defined to mean only the washing, cleaning, trimming, drying, sorting and packaging of food items or a combination of those activities. This law establishes an Other Special Revenue account and provides that authorization for use of matching funds is contingent on the receipt of revenue from public or private sources by the Department of Education for this purpose. The law also allocates \$500 in fiscal