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Bill Summaries

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on
Education and Cultural Affairs*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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 1261 **An Act to Promote Abstinence in Sex Education and through Public Education** **ONTP**

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

LD 1261 proposed to suggest curriculum and materials emphasizing abstinence for sex education and human sexuality instruction given by school administrative units. The bill also proposed to create the Maine Abstinence Oversight Council, Maine Abstinence Program and Maine Abstinence Fund to reduce through public education the number of children in the State born to unwed mothers.

LD 1263 **An Act to Increase the Number of Students Eligible for Free Tuition in the University of Maine System** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS	ONTP	

LD 1263 proposed to require an institution under the jurisdiction of the University of Maine System that offers free tuition to the top 2 graduates of a secondary school in the State to offer the tuition to the next highest graduate if one of the top 2 graduates declines the free tuition until 2 students accept the free tuition or the free tuition is offered to the top 10 graduates of the secondary school.

LD 1264 **Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESMOND MITCHELL B	OTP-AM	H-487

LD 1264, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to clarify the governance structure and the funding mechanism of the Education Research Institute. The bill proposed to accomplish the following:

1. Clearly define the responsibility of the institute in collecting and analyzing education information and performing targeted education research for the Legislature;
2. Provide predictable, sustainable and adequate funding to support the purposes of the institute; and
3. Define the roles and responsibilities of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the institute's steering committee in developing the work plan of the institute.