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*Bill Summaries*

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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 Labor

LD 1258

**An Act to Make the Unemployment Insurance Program More Responsive to the Needs of Today's Workforce**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MATTHEWS EDMONDS		

LD 1258 proposed to amend the unemployment compensation laws in 3 ways. It proposed to provide coverage for part-time workers, to prevent a person from being disqualified if the person left a job because of the lack of dependent care or transportation, and repeal a provision that disregards work performed in seasonal industries when determining eligibility for unemployment benefits during the off-season.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-650)** proposed to delete all provisions of the bill except those providing eligibility for part-time workers. The amendment proposed to change the part-time worker provisions to state that the circumstances under which a part-time worker is not made ineligible for benefits, notwithstanding the general requirement that persons be able and available for full-time work.

LD 1258 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1276**

**An Act to Allow County Corrections Personnel to Participate in the Same Retirement Plan as Other Corrections Personnel**

**PUBLIC 368  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER E DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-568

LD 1276 proposed to provide the option to county government of providing a special retirement plan for county correctional employees identical to the retirement plans available to county sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-568)** proposed to make corrections to the bill to carry out the intent of the bill to provide an option to county governments to provide retirement benefits for county correctional employees identical to the retirement benefits available to county sheriffs and deputies.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 368 provides the option to county government of providing a special retirement plan for county correctional employees identical to the retirement plans available to county sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Public Law 2001, chapter 368 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2001.