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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

2. It requires the Commissioner of Education to establish standards and to provide technical assistance regarding reintegration teams for juveniles released or discharged from juvenile corrections facilities and seeking admission into schools in the State;
3. It requires school superintendents to provide planning for reintegration teams, including training for school personnel involved in reintegration planning and with access to confidential records of juveniles;
4. It requires compliance with reintegration planning provisions as part of basic school approval for public and private schools approved for tuition purposes;
5. It expands the scope and duties of the Commissioner of Education's advisory committee on truancy, dropouts and alternative education to include reintegration planning for a juvenile released or discharged from a juvenile correctional facility and seeking admission into a school in the State;
6. It requires that school superintendents report annually on planning efforts for reintegrating juveniles into the school environment to the Commissioner of Education's advisory committee on truancy, dropouts and alternative education;
7. It clarifies that current confidentiality laws, as amended to include reintegration, are sufficient to inform a school about a juvenile's compliance with relevant conditions. Only if those conditions are not complied with should a school be able to deny admission to a juvenile; and
8. It requires the Commissioner of Corrections, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the chair of the policy review council established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3002-A or their designees to present an annual report to the Council on Children and Families and the Children's Cabinet on the progress of implementation efforts regarding the juvenile correctional educational programs, the integration of behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse programming and release and discharge planning, transition services, aftercare services and reintegration planning provided to youths discharged from juvenile correctional facilities.

**LD 1312**

**An Act to Eliminate the \$1,000,000 Cap Eligibility Requirement for the School Revolving Renovation Fund**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
MITCHELL B  
LEDWIN

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1312 proposed to prohibit placing a limit on the amount of money that may be disbursed from the School Revolving Renovation Fund to a school administrative unit, school building or project.