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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

LD 1486

**An Act to Create the Child Development Services Advisory Committee**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER CATHCART		

LD 1486 proposes to establish a Child Development Services Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Department of Education concerning a comprehensive and collaborative early intervention system of services. The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1487**

**Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDOUGALL SMALL	OTP-AM	H-127

LD 1487 proposed to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws to report back to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)** proposed to change the membership of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws by removing 2 Legislators and to add in their place a person who is a home school educator and a person who is a director of a special education program.

LD 1502

**An Act Regarding Contracts for Energy Conservation and Air Quality Improvements in School Buildings**

**PUBLIC 376  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL B RICHARD	OTP-AM	H-618 RICHARD S-225

LD 1502 proposed to codify the past policy and practice of the State Government and bond counsel with regard to performance contracts for energy conservation or air quality improvements at school administrative unit facilities. This bill proposed to clarify that a performance contract for energy conservation or air quality improvements at school administrative unit facilities is not subject to the specific statutory competitive bidding requirements if the contract meets certain criteria.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-225)** proposed to rewrite the current law governing agreements by school units for energy conservation improvements with maintenance and performance guaranties to include combined energy conservation and air quality improvements. School units could select contractors by means of a request for qualifications or a request for proposals. The proposed selection process must be publicly advertised and at least 3