

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

**LD 1603**

**An Act to Expand Family Life Education Services in Maine Schools**

**PUBLIC 654**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FULLER MILLS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1024
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LD 1603 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The bill proposed to direct the Commissioner of Education to take action to enhance family life education for students in kindergarten to high school and also proposed a \$750,000 appropriation for family life education.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-1024)** proposed to replace the bill and its title. The amendment proposed to direct the Commissioner of Human Services to undertake initiatives in order to expand and enhance comprehensive family education services. It further proposed to strengthen the language on abstinence and to remove specific references to the Family Planning Association of Maine and the system of learning results. It also proposed to allow a parent to not have that parent's child participate in a comprehensive family life education program. It proposed to remove the appropriation section and add a fiscal note.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 654 directs the Commissioner of Human Services to undertake initiatives in order to expand and enhance comprehensive family education services for students in kindergarten to high school. It also allows a parent to not have that parent's child participate in a comprehensive family life education program.

**LD 1819**

**An Act to Give the Maine Technical College System Limited Revenue Bonding Authority**

**PUBLIC 590**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-MAJ ONTP - MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1819 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. This bill proposed to authorize the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority. These borrowings do not constitute debts or liabilities of the State and do not pledge the credit of the State. Debt service payments are to be made solely from the funds of the Maine Technical College System. Any future requests for funding made to the State by the Maine Technical College System may include debt service payments. However, no special obligation is imposed on the State to fund such requests.

Under current law, the University of Maine System has the authority to issue revenue bonds up to \$100,000,000 and the Maine Maritime Academy has the authority to incur debt up to \$4,000,000. These statutes enable the university and academy to improve their facilities without pledging the credit of the State.