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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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>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>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1588

An Act to Appropriate Funds for a Study to Determine the Feasibility of a Medical School in Maine

ONTP

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

LD 1588 proposed to appropriate money to the University of Maine System to hire Medical Care Development, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study of a medical school in the State.

LD 1603

An Act to Expand Family Life Education Services in Maine Schools

PUBLIC 654

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER	OTP-AM	H-1024
MILLS		

LD 1603 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Education to take action to enhance family life education for students in kindergarten to high school. The bill appropriated \$750,000 for family life education.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1024) replaced the bill and its title. It proposed to direct the Commissioner of Human Services to undertake initiatives in order to expand and enhance comprehensive family education services. It proposed to strengthen the language on abstinence. It removed specific references to the Family Planning Association of Maine and 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 removed the appropriation section and added a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1025) proposed to specify that comprehensive family life education must be developmentally appropriate and promote responsible behavior regarding sexuality with an emphasis on abstinence. The amendment also included other community service providers in the category of agencies with which the Commissioner of Human Services may contract. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1060) proposed to amend the definition of "comprehensive family life education" to include education that respects parental values. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-550) proposed to include other community service providers in the category of agencies with which the Commissioner of Human Services may contract. (Not adopted)

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.