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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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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 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).

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

2. Job promotions;
3. Position reclassifications; and
4. Position reallocations.

See also LD 1197 which proposed to increase the 3 year cap on earnable compensation.

LD 1642

An Act to Provide for the Continuous Coverage of Disability Benefits

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MATTHEWS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1642 proposed to require that partially incapacitated employees receive workers' compensation benefits for the duration of the incapacity, rather than having a limit on the number of months of payments.

LD 1697

An Act to Enhance the Safety and Health of Students in Public School Facilities

PUBLIC 397

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GERZOFSKY EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-626
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LD 1697 proposed to include students in the definition of "employee" under the occupational safety and health laws to allow the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to consider the safety and health of students when conducting enforcement inspections in public sector educational facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-626) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to require the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt rules to regulate the use of and exposure to equipment or materials and the exposure to conditions in public educational facilities that minors would be prohibited from using or being exposed to in a work environment.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 397 requires the Board of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt major substantive rules to regulate the use of and exposure to equipment or materials and the exposure to conditions in public educational facilities that minors would be prohibited from using or being exposed to in a work environment. Chapter 397 allows the Department of Labor to provide technical assistance to school boards and other governing boards of educational institutions to assist them in complying with the rules.