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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> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FULLER MILLS | OTP-AM | H-1024 |

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> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | OTP-MAJ ONTP - MIN | |

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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 590 gives the Maine Technical College System ongoing authority to issue up to \$35,000,000 in bonds and notes through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

LD 1864

An Act to Increase the Number of Alternative Delivery Pilot Projects for School Construction and to Increase the Maximum Project Cost of Projects Eligible for Alternative Delivery

P & S 54

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| RICHARD PENDLETON | OTP-AM | H-879 |

LD 1864 proposed to amend the authorization provided to school administrative units to use alternative delivery methods for a limited range and number of school construction projects under Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 79. The bill proposed to amend that authorization to increase the cap on "construction-manager-at-risk" alternative delivery projects for school construction and to increase from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 the maximum project cost of projects eligible using the design-build method.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-879) proposed to change the title of the bill and replace the bill. The amendment proposed to amend certain provisions of Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 79, which authorized school administrative units to use alternative delivery methods for school construction projects. The amendment proposed to accomplish the following:

1. Authorize 10 additional "construction-manager-at-risk" alternative delivery projects for school construction, including 5 projects that exceed \$2,500,000 in total project cost but do not exceed \$10,000,000 and 5 projects that exceed \$10,000,000 in total project cost;
2. Authorize 2 additional "design-build" alternative delivery projects for school construction and increase the cap on total project cost for the 4 projects from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000;
3. Amend the authorization regarding the "design-build" and the "construction-manager-at-risk" alternative delivery methods for school construction projects to be consistent with the prequalification procedures devised for the alternative delivery methods established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1743 for public improvement projects;
4. Establish an assessment team to evaluate the relative advantages and disadvantages of the alternative delivery methods employed during the 5-year pilot program, including but not limited to an analysis of the comparative costs and benefits of these methods for school construction projects to those found using the traditional competitive design-bid-build method;
5. Clarify the eligible project authorization provisions to more accurately reflect the legislative intent of the authorizing legislation; and
6. Add a fiscal note to the bill.