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**STATE OF MAINE  
120TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

**From:** J. Timothy Leet, Senior Analyst

**Date:** August 8, 2001

**Re:** Bill Summaries, 120th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The summary describes each bill and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 21, 2001. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by 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:

*CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill carried over to the 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*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable interim.

**LD 1829**

**An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining**

**PUBLIC 438  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY R GOLDTHWAIT		

LD 1829 proposed to fund certain collective bargaining agreements and extend benefits to certain employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

PART A proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the Maine State Employees Association and the Maine State Troopers Association and for confidential employees as follows.

1. It proposed to reflect the costs from the General Fund and the Highway Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits.
2. It proposed to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.
3. It proposed to provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary employees, confidential employees, employees whose salaries are subject to adjustment by the Governor, employees of the legislative branch and other employees.

PART B proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit and for confidential employees.

1. It proposed to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.
2. It proposed to provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary, confidential employees and other employees.
3. It reflected the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases.

PART C proposed to authorize use of the salary plan to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items, provide that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining and contract administration and related costs.

PART D proposed to increase the rate of mileage reimbursement for state employees for the use of their privately owned vehicles from 28¢ to 30¢ effective July 1, 2001 and from 30¢ to 32¢ effective July 1, 2002.

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Public Law 2001, chapter 438 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the Maine State Employees Association and the Maine State Troopers Association and for confidential employees as follows.

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1. It reflects the costs from the General Fund and the Highway Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits.
2. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.
3. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary employees, confidential employees, employees whose salaries are subject to adjustment by the Governor, employees of the legislative branch and other employees.

Part B implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory bargaining unit and the professional bargaining unit and for confidential employees.

1. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.
2. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary, confidential employees and other employees.
3. It reflects the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases.

Part C authorizes use of the salary plan to fund the collective bargaining agreements and other cost items, provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other sources and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining and contract administration and related costs.

Part D increases the rate of mileage reimbursement for state employees for the use of their privately owned vehicles from 28¢ to 30¢ effective July 1, 2001 and from 30¢ to 32¢ effective July 1, 2002.