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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 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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Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 54 amends 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 law accomplishes the following.

1. It authorizes 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. It authorizes 2 additional "design-build" alternative delivery projects for school construction and increases the cap on total project cost for the 4 projects from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.
3. It amends 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. It establishes 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. It clarifies the eligible project authorization provisions to more accurately reflect the legislative intent of the authorizing legislation.

LD 1889

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Provide Adult Education and Other Support Services

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-456
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LD 1889 proposed to require the Department of Education to establish adult remedial education services for former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf. It proposed that the services must include classes in basic instruction in literacy, computer skills, math and independent living skills. It proposed that classes must be accessible to students living in all geographic regions of the State. It proposed that the Division of Deafness also help identify people in need of the adult remedial education services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-456) proposed to replace the original resolve. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Education to establish 5 demonstration sites to provide adult remedial education services for former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf. The amendment also proposed to have services include classes provided by instructors who are fluent in American Sign Language with preference given to people who are deaf. It proposed that these

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demonstration sites be located in Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta and Caribou. It proposed that the Department of Education create a grant program to subsidize the added cost of providing these services. It proposed that the Department of Education submit a preliminary report on the success of the grant program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 15, 2003 and a final report by December 15, 2003. This amendment was not adopted.

See LD 2080, Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part DD, appropriating \$10,000 for adult remedial education services for former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf.

LD 1931

Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp

RESOLVE 122

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART		H-859 S-590

LD 1931 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. This bill proposed to provide funding to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield, Maine to be used by the camp for the payment of property taxes on the campsite and to fund 2 student scholarships.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-859) proposed to provide a one-time appropriation of \$10,000 for scholarships to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield in support of its unique role in providing conflict resolution and peacemaking experiences for teenagers from regions in conflict throughout the world.

Senate Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (S-590) proposed to increase the funding for scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for fiscal year 2002-03. This amendment also proposed to repeal in the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 2001, chapter 122 provides a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 for fiscal year 2002-03 to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield. The law also repeals in the resolve that established the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship that section that would have repealed the fellowship as of June 11, 2002.