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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 1977**                      **An Act to Designate Department of Education Chapter 180 Rules as Major Substantive Rules**                      **PUBLIC 510**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON ROTUNDO	OTP	

LD 1977 proposed to designate as major substantive rules those rules establishing and maintaining a statewide network that ensures the provisions of Childfind and rules governing the eligibility for and delivery of free appropriate public education for children with disabilities from birth to 5 years of age and their families.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 510 designates as major substantive rules those rules establishing and maintaining a statewide network that ensures the provisions of Childfind and rules governing the eligibility for and delivery of free appropriate public education for children with disabilities from birth to 5 years of age and their families.

**LD 1992**                      **An Act to Require that the State Board of Education Have One Student Member**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACOBS EDMONDS	ONTP	

LD 1992 proposed to expand the membership of the State Board of Education to include one student member.

**LD 2021**                      **An Act Regarding Provisional Certification for Teachers and Administrators**                      **PUBLIC 534**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARD SMALL	OTP-AM	H-815

LD 2021 proposed to amend the law regarding the certification for school administrators and teachers by incorporating performance standards for provisional teacher certification and allows the State Board of Education to determine competency areas for school administrators.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-815)** proposed to make the rules governing certification of provisional teachers, superintendents, principals and directors of vocational education major substantive rules. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

## Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 534 amends the law regarding the certification for school administrators and teachers by incorporating performance standards for provisional teacher certification and allows the State Board of Education to determine competency areas for school administrators. The rules governing certification of provisional teachers, superintendents, principals and directors of vocational education are designated as major substantive rules.

**LD 2033**

**An Act to Create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL MICHAUD MH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-774
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LD 2033 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. This bill proposed to appropriate \$200,000 in funding to the Department of Education to create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program. The purpose of the proposed program would be to provide competitive grants to local adult education programs that encourage their students to continue their education beyond the high school level.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-774)**, which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to require the Department of Education, under the community college concept, to consult with the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and the adult education directors as part of the grant approval process for the Adult Education Outreach Program. It also proposed to require the department to submit a report by January 15, 2004 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to evaluate the success of the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 2042**

**An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine State Grant Program**

**PUBLIC 480**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROTUNDO RICHARD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2042 proposed to amend the provisions of the student incentive scholarship program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine by eliminating the need that the student applicant be eligible for a Pell Grant to receive an award under the program.