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Bill Summaries

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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

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.