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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 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

7. Clarify that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs matters is authorized to submit its proposed legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-843), which was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading in order to make a technical change, proposed to correct an internal cross-reference to reflect the addition of a new section by the committee amendment.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 80 directs the Commissioner of Education and the Chair of the State Board of Education to create a study group to examine school administrative unit organization in the State. The study group shall research the history of formation of districts and participation in regional collaboratives in the State and in other states that may be applicable in the State. The study group shall recommend incentives that might be used in the State to promote organizational characteristics that can be demonstrated to support high levels of student outcomes and efficient use of resources and to maintain school administrative units that already exhibit these organizational characteristics. The study group shall also investigate any existing disincentives to forming regional collaboratives and shall identify strategies that may be applicable to removing or overcoming these disincentives.

The resolve further directs the study group to submit a preliminary report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 31, 2003 and a final report by January 20, 2004. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs matters is authorized to submit proposed legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

LD 2048

An Act to Authorize the Yarmouth School Department to use the Construction-Manager-at-Risk Method of Construction Delivery for Locally Funded School Projects

**P & S 46
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
EDMONDS
BUCK

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2048 proposed to authorize the Yarmouth School Department to construct locally funded improvements to the Yarmouth High School and the Rowe School in the Town of Yarmouth by the construction-manager-at-risk method of construction delivery rather than the design-bid-build method of construction delivery.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 46 authorizes the Yarmouth School Department to construct locally funded improvements to the Yarmouth High School and the Rowe School in the Town of Yarmouth by the

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construction-manager-at-risk method of construction delivery rather than the design-bid-build method of construction delivery.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 46 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 7, 2002.

LD 2074

An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Calais School District

**P & S 52
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY MORRISON	OTP-AM	S-443

LD 2074 proposed to raise the debt limit of the Calais School District from \$6,000,000 to 10% of city valuation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-443) proposed to amend the charter of the Calais School District to permit the lease purchase of administrative space and raise the debt limit of the Calais School District from \$6,000,000 to 10% of the most recent state valuation of the City of Calais. The amendment also proposed to clarify the referendum question to be submitted to the legal voters within the City of Calais regarding this proposed charter amendment.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 52 amends the charter of the Calais School District to permit the lease purchase of administrative space and raises the debt limit of the Calais School District from \$6,000,000 to 10% of the most recent state valuation of the City of Calais. The amendment also clarifies the referendum question to be submitted to the legal voters within the City of Calais regarding this proposed charter amendment.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 52 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2002.

LD 2080

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003

PUBLIC 559

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY, R GOLDTHWAIT		H-968 H-986