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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

May 2002

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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 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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LD 2057

An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of State Employees Who are Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL BENNETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-759
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Part A proposed to implement the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #93. It proposed the following: to reflect the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits; to provide for a lump-sum payment in fiscal year 2001-02 for bargaining unit members; to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2001-02; to provide for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2002-03; to provide for a new step above the current highest step of the salary schedule; and to provide for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees.

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

House Amendment "A" (H-759) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 Part A implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #93.

1. It reflects the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits.
2. It provides for a lump-sum payment in fiscal year 2001-02 for bargaining unit members.
3. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2001-02.
4. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. It provides for a new step above the current highest step of the salary schedule.
6. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees.

Part B authorizes use of the salary plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreement 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

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Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 15, 2002.

LD 2060 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 to Make Public Infrastructure Improvements** **ONTP**

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

LD 2060 proposed to implement a recommendation of the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$8,000,000, would have been used to make grants and loans to municipalities for public infrastructure improvements through the Municipal Investment Trust Fund.

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 EMERGENCY**

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

PART A proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds.

PART B proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments.

PART C proposed to make appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to:

1. Specify the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2002-03 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605;
2. Lapse funds from the Education in Unorganized Territory General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02; and