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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 Criminal Justice

administering epinephrine, and the board shall treat the issue of developing protocols for the administration of epinephrine to school-age children as a priority in this process. The board shall report its recommendations and subsequent actions regarding protocols and training for the carrying and administering of epinephrine by basic emergency medical technicians to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2003. Resolve 2001, chapter 87 authorizes the committee to report out implementing legislation if necessary.

Resolve 2001, chapter 87 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2002.

LD 2065

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental Illness who are Incarcerated Relating to Diversion from Jails and Prisons

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2065 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental Illness Who Are Incarcerated relating to diversion from prisons and jails. The Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental Illness Who Are Incarcerated was created pursuant to Joint Order, House Paper 1383. LD 2065 was one of 4 bills produced by the committee. (See also LDs 2068, 2075, and 2088.) Specifically, LD 2065 proposed to:

1. Expand the police ride-along programs;
2. Direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the current ride-along program;
3. Establish positions within the trial court system to develop treatment plans and sentencing options for persons with mental illness;
4. Direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to develop programs to provide mental illness awareness training to judges, jail staff and to others within the criminal justice system who do not currently receive such training; and
5. Create a position within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to serve as criminal justice liaison to consult with county jails and the Department of Corrections.