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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 Criminal Justice

1. Allow county jails to grant furloughs for longer than 3 days to provide treatment for mental conditions, including a substance abuse condition, as determined by a qualified medical professional;
2. Create a pilot program to address the needs of persons with mental illness who are incarcerated in county correctional facilities. The pilot would include 3 pilot locations, one in each of the three Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services service regions, and involve programs for intake, triage, case management/short term treatment, and discharge planning; and
3. Direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to provide mental health staffing resources to county correctional facilities so that each county facility has at least 16 hours of facility-based mental health coverage each day.

LD 2079

An Act to Clarify the Law Enforcement Authority of Capitol Security Personnel

**PUBLIC 472
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 2079 proposed to exempt from mandatory training security officers appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety when the commissioner has expanded their authority to include law enforcement duties and powers. LD 2079 proposed that the Legislature may direct the provision of security to legislative offices. LD 2079 also proposed to repeal the security officer training exemption December 31, 2002. LD 2079 was not referred to committee.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 472 provides an exemption from mandatory training for security officers appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety when the commissioner has expanded their authority to include law enforcement duties and powers. Public Law 2001, chapter 472 specifies that the Legislature may direct the provision of security to legislative offices. Public Law 2001, chapter 472 also includes a sunset provision that repeals the security officer training exemption December 31, 2002. LD 2079, which was enacted as Public Law 2001, chapter 472, was not referred to committee.

Public Law 2001, chapter 472 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 22, 2002.

The sunset on the training exemption enacted in Public Law 2001, chapter 472 was repealed and new training requirements were enacted by Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part KK.