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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

LD 2083

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine

**PUBLIC 667
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-1071 H-1097 LAVERDIERE S-567 RAND S-585 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2083 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary. The bill proposed to make technical corrections of errors in the laws of Maine.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1071) proposed to make technical and substantive corrections, including the following selected items related to Education and Cultural Affairs matters:

1. Section 50 proposed to correct a conflict created by Public Law 2001, chapters 403 and 454, which both affected the same provision of law concerning Maine Native American studies. Chapter 403 made technical changes and chapter 454 made substantive changes. This section proposed to correct the conflict by repealing the provision and replacing it with the chapter 454 version; and
2. Part C, section C-11 proposed to correct the language concerning school bus leases and to clarify the law governing school bus purchases, contracts and leases.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 667 made technical corrections and several substantive corrections. The substantive changes made by chapter 667 regarding Education and Cultural Affairs matters are as follows.

1. It corrects a conflict concerning the components of Maine Native American history that are included in the instructional requirements related to American history and Maine studies. The conflict is resolved by requiring that American history and Maine studies must be taught as specified in the system of learning results; and
2. It corrects the language concerning school bus leases and clarifies the law governing school bus purchases, contracts and leases.

Public Law 2001, chapter 667 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2002.