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*Bill Summaries*

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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](http://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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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# Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

**LD 2114**

**An Act to Provide Full Utility of Retired School Buildings**

**PUBLIC 586  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-940
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LD 2114 proposed to provide that a municipality may use a school building transferred to it by a school board for municipal purposes in the condition that the building was in on the date of the transfer as long as work performed by the municipality on the building is limited to repairs and minor alterations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-940)** proposed to amend the original bill by striking out references to the condition of the school building being transferred to a municipality and by deleting references to limits on the nature of the work that could be done to the building by a receiving municipality.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 586 clarifies current law that allows a municipality to use a school building transferred to it by a school board for municipal purposes.

Public Law 2001, chapter 586 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2002.

**LD 2115**

**An Act to Abolish the Educational Leave Advisory Board**

**PUBLIC 519**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2115 proposed to terminate the Educational Leave Advisory Board. It proposed to retain language that declares the educational leave program for state employees to be in the public interest.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 519 terminates the Educational Leave Advisory Board. It retains language that declares the educational leave program for state employees to be in the public interest.

**LD 2134**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and  
Financial Services to Purchase Land in Machias, Maine**

**RESOLVE 105**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1030
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LD 2134 was reported from the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1598. The resolve proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase land in the Machias Industrial Park in Machias for the new Downeast Correctional Facility. The resolve would be repealed 3 years from its effective date.