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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 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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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

align with the timeline established for full implementation of a new school funding approach based on essential programs and services, which must be fully implemented no later than fiscal year 2007-08; and

7. Provides for the establishment of the Task Force to Review the Status of Implementation of the System of Learning Results to assess the status of implementation of the system of learning results in schools throughout the State.

LD 2106	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Administration of Medicine in the School Setting, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	DIED BETWEEN BODIES
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2106 proposed to provide for the legislative review of portions of the major substantive rule, “Administration of Medicine in the School Setting,” which was submitted by the Department of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (HP 1608) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed to amend the resolve to accurately reflect the title of the rule that was provisionally adopted by the Department of Education by removing "portions of" and replacing "medicine" with "medication".

Committee Amendment "B" (H-924) was the minority report of the committee. The report proposed to instruct the Department of Education not to authorize the provisional rule, “Administration of Medication in the School Setting,” a major substantive rule of the Department of Education. The report also proposed to give the resolve a new title.

LD 2114	An Act to Provide Full Utility of Retired School Buildings	PUBLIC 586 EMERGENCY
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-940

LD 2114 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The bill 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.

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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

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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 2124

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 126: Immunization Requirements for School Children, a Rule of the Department of Human Services, and Portions of Chapter 261: Immunization Requirements for School Children, a Rule of the Department of Education, Major Substantive Rules Jointly Adopted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education

**RESOLVE 117
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-1026
S-601 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2124 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 126: Immunization Requirements for School Children, a rule of the Department of Human Services, and portions of Chapter 261: Immunization Requirements for School Children, a rule of the Department of Education, major substantive rules jointly adopted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1026) proposed to require specific changes to the rules that were provisionally adopted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education, and add a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-601) proposed to add a preamble to the resolve recognizing that the rules being authorized represent a state mandate requiring a 2/3 vote.