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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 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:

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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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.