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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

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.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 117 provides 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.

Resolve 2001, chapter 117 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

LD 2128 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$28,500,000 to Capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund, to Provide Grants to Public Educational Institutions to Install Sprinkler Systems in Dormitories, to Renovate the Harlow Office Building and to Provide a Center for Homeless Teenagers** **PUBLIC 674**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL MICHAUD		H-1080 H-1108

LD 2128 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. This bill proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$15,000,000 to capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for repairs and improvements in public school facilities to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies, as well as general renovation needs and learning space upgrades.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1080) was the majority report of the committee. Part A proposed to require public educational institutions to install automatic sprinkler systems in their dormitories, but only if the bond issue in Part B is approved by the voters.

Part B proposed to provide for a bond issue in the amount of \$47,000,000, to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$15,000,000 to capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for repairs and improvements in public school facilities to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies; general renovation needs; and learning space upgrades;
2. The sum of \$13,900,000 to construct a new correctional facility in Machias to replace the existing Downeast Correctional Facility in Bucks Harbor in order to meet the need for minimum custody prison beds, achieve operational efficiencies and compliance with state and national environmental and building standards and to support enhanced transition programs for prisoners reentering the community;