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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

*May 2002*

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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

## *Enacted Law Summary:*

Public Law 2001, chapter 674 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$28,500,000 to capitalize the State's 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; to provide grants to public educational institutions to install sprinkler systems in dormitories; to renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Office Building; and to provide a center for homeless teenagers in the Portland Area.

**LD 2129**

### **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build a New Correctional Facility in Machias and to Make Improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham**

**P&S 72**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAGLEY SHOREY	ONTP	H-1110 BERRY, R

LD 2129 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$43,000,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$10,000,000 to protect the lives and property of Maine's citizens by improving response capability, improving workplace security at government and other public sites and by conducting vulnerability surveys and security audits at other critical locations;
2. The sum of \$8,000,000 to renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Building, including all electrical, water and mechanical systems, roof replacement and asbestos and mold abatement;
3. 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; and
4. The sum of \$11,100,000 to construct an infirmary and extended care unit for special needs prisoners, to modernize existing buildings and to enhance security at the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham in order to meet current and future medical needs of the prisoner population, support treatment programs for health care, substance abuse and sex offenders and improve intake and reception.

**House Amendment "A" (H-1110)** proposed to strike the bond issues proposed in the bill for protecting Maine citizens and renovating the Harlow Building, thus leaving the bond issues for a new correctional facility in Machias and to make improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

# Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

***Enacted Law Summary:***

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 72 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 to raise funds to build a new correctional facility in Machias and to make improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

**LD 2130**                      **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$34,970,000 to Stimulate Job Growth in Maine, to Renovate Certain State Facilities and to Promote Homeland Security and Tourism**                      **P&S 73**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH RICHARDSON	OTP-AM A OTP -AM B OTP-AM C	S-561 TURNER H-1107 BERRY, R

LD 2130 proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue, in the amount of \$31,150,000, to be used for the following purposes:

1. To capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine, \$15,000,000;
2. For the Municipal Investment Trust Fund, providing loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund, \$4,000,000;
3. For the renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center, \$2,150,000. State bond funds would match \$3,000,000 in federal funds; and
4. To the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs, \$10,000,000.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-561)** proposed the following:

Part A of this amendment proposed to provide for a bond issue at a referendum to be held in June 2002 in the amount of \$27,100,000 to be used for the following purposes:

1. For the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund, \$4,000,000;
2. To the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs, \$10,000,000;
3. To renovate the Augusta East Campus Harlow Office Building, including all electrical, water and mechanical systems, roof replacement and asbestos and mold abatement, \$8,000,000;
4. To raise funds for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens, \$4,600,000; and