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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 Education and Cultural Affairs

4. The rules must be amended to correct references to specific content standard subject areas.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 107 authorizes the "final adoption" of amendments to the provisionally adopted, major substantive rule of the Department of Education concerning instructional program, assessment and diploma requirements. This rule repeals and replaces the existing Chapter 127 rules on "Instructional Requirements and Graduation Standards" with a revised set of "minimum" requirements that the school boards of each school administrative unit must meet in aligning the school unit's basic instructional requirements with the system of Learning Results. The rule specifies instructional program requirements for each school unit's comprehensive education plan, including instruction for elementary, middle and secondary school students; the local assessment system requirements for students and schools and the awarding of diplomas based on student performance on the school unit's local assessment system.

### **LD 2142**

### **An Act to Change the Governing Board of the George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill**

**P & S 61  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLENIK	OTP-AM	H-921

LD 2142 proposed to make changes to the composition of the board of trustees of the George Stevens Academy in the Town of Blue Hill. The bill also proposed to repeal the provision providing for a joint committee between the academy and nearby towns.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-921)** proposed to require the Board of Trustees of the George Stevens Academy to amend its Articles of Incorporation on file with the Secretary of State within 30 days of the effective date of the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 61 makes changes to the composition of the board of trustees of the George Stevens Academy in the Town of Blue Hill. The law also repeals the provision providing for a joint committee between the academy and nearby towns.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 61 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2002.