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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

LD 2143

An Act Regarding the Local Governance of School Administrative Units

PUBLIC 588

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ	S-479
	ONTP MIN	

LD 2143 was reported out to the Senate by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Order 2001, S.P. 773. The bill proposed to implement certain recommendations of the interim report of the Task Force on School Governance convened by the State Board of Education at the request of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

The bill proposed to clarify that the primary role and responsibilities of school board members are to serve as policymakers for the school administrative units and that the role and responsibilities of school superintendents are to serve as education leaders and administrators for the school administrative units. The bill proposed to accomplish this by amending provisions of the education statutes to clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of school board members and school superintendents in governing and administering local school administrative units.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-479), which was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, proposed one change to the bill to clarify the duty of school board members in adopting a policy governing the selection of educational materials for a school administrative unit. This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 588 implements the recommendations of the interim report of the Task Force on School Governance convened by the State Board of Education at the request of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The law amends provisions of the education statutes to clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of school board members and school superintendents in governing and administering local school administrative units. Under this law, the primary role and responsibilities of school board members are to serve as policymakers for the school administrative units, and the role and responsibilities of school superintendents are to serve as education leaders and administrators for the school administrative units.