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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 Labor

LD 2197

An Act Concerning Disability Retirement Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System

PUBLIC 701

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2197 proposed to extend the rollback of disability retirement benefit reductions based on increased earnings capacity by the Maine State Retirement System under Public Law 2001, chapter 443 from January 1, 2003 to February 15, 2004.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 701 extends the rollback of disability retirement benefit reductions based on increased earnings capacity by the Maine State Retirement System under Public Law 2001, chapter 443 from January 1, 2003 to February 15, 2004.

LD 2199

An Act to Address the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System and the Equity of Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers

PUBLIC 707

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH SAXL		OTP-AM		S-521 S-618 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2199 proposed to:

1. Require the State to retire the unfunded liabilities of the Maine State Retirement System at a specific rate that is no less than the rate paid during fiscal year 2001-02; and
2. Establish the Task Force to Study Methods of Addressing Inequities in the Retirement Benefits of State Employees and Teachers to study the impact of the changes made to the law that treat state employees and teachers who did not have 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993 less favorably than those with 10 years of creditable service before July 1, 1993.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-521) proposed to clarify that the floor established in the bill for the rate of retirement of the unfunded liabilities of the Maine State Retirement System applies whether the unfunded liabilities are retired within the time period required by the Constitution of Maine or some shorter period of time. The amendment also proposed to clarify the membership of the task force established in section 2 of the bill. It proposed to remove the executive director and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System from the task force and provide for 2 of the 3 legislators to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The executive director or a designee would be made an adjunct nonvoting member of the task force. It proposed to change the process for convening the first meeting. The amendment also proposed to limit the task force to 4 meetings and provide for staffing services by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. Non legislative members could be reimbursed for expenses only. The amendment proposed to change the reporting date of the task force to November 6th and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters would