

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<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>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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**LD 1024**

**An Act To Increase Access to Prescription Drugs for Low-income Elderly and Disabled People**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1024 proposed to ensure that the total amount of General Fund appropriations to the elderly low-cost drug program remain in that program to serve as state matching funds for any new federal funds received under a waiver and would be used to provide additional benefits to those eligible for the elderly low-cost drug program.

**LD 1048**

**An Act To Implement 2 Recommendations of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues Related to Family Case Management Officers and Noncustodial Parent Outreach Programs**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SIMPSON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1048 proposed to implement two of the recommendations of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues related to the number of Family Division Case Management Officer positions deployed in the Family Division of the District Court and the continuation of the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project.

Under this bill, additional funding would be provided to the Family Division of the District Court in order to increase the number of Family Division Case Management Officer positions from 8 to 13. This bill proposed to appropriate the additional funds necessary to provide the 34% state match that would leverage matching federal funding for the deployment of 5 additional Family Division Case Management Officer positions.

The bill also proposed to appropriate the funds necessary to establish two Outreach Investigator positions in the Department of the Attorney General in order to continue the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project programs for another two years. Funded with federal grant funds, the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project is currently a pilot project in York and Somerset counties; however, federal funding for this pilot project would lapse at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year and additional funds would be needed to continue and expand the program to other parts of Maine.