

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Education and Cultural Affairs*

*July 2006*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second 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 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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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
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 (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

*Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 84**

**Resolve, To Facilitate Implementation of the Sports Done Right Program**

**RESOLVE 211**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN	OTP-AM MAJ	S-438
CUMMINGS	OTP-AM MIN	S-677 ROTUNDO

LD 84, which was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to implement the recommendations of the Interscholastic Athletics Task Force.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-438)** proposed the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This amendment proposed changing the bill to a resolve and encouraging schools and communities in Maine to collaborate with the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to develop the Sports Done Right program to promote positive sports experiences for Maine youth. It proposed appropriating \$100,000 to the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to increase the center's capacity to offer training and expand the number of schools participating in the program.

**Committee Amendment “B” (S-439)** proposed the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It differed from the majority report in that it did not propose an appropriation. The minority report was not accepted.

**Senate Amendment “A” to Committee Amendment “A” (S-677)** proposed reducing the appropriation for the Sports Done Right program from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2005, chapter 211 encourages schools and communities in Maine to collaborate with the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to develop the Sports Done Right program to promote positive sports experiences for Maine youth. It encourages the center to facilitate adoption of the Sports Done Right program in schools and communities. It encourages schools and communities to assess their athletic programs and consider participating in this program. It appropriates \$25,000 to the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to increase the center's capacity to offer training and expand the number of schools participating in the program. It requires the Maine Center for Sport and Coaching to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on implementation of the Sports Done Right program.

**LD 96**

**An Act To Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-63

LD 96 proposed to appropriate funds to increase the state subsidy for the adult education program within the Department of Education by 6% per year in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.