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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Education and Cultural Affairs*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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).

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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 1488

An Act To Give Parents Control over the Sex Education of Their Children

ONTP

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

LD 1488 proposed requiring a school administrator to notify a parent or guardian and obtain the written consent of that parent or guardian before providing comprehensive family life education to a child.

LD 1494

An Act To Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs

PUBLIC 417

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUMMINGS ANDREWS	OTP-AM	H-401 S-401 ROTUNDO

LD 1494 proposed to create the nursing education loan repayment program and fund, to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, for the purpose of increasing nursing faculty at nursing education programs in the State. The program would repay up to \$4,500 of education loans for a master's degree and up to \$6,000 of education loans for a doctoral degree for a nurse who commits to working as faculty in a nursing education program in the State for a minimum of 3 years after acceptance into the program. This bill proposed to appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund each year for the next 2 years to finance the program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-401) proposed to allow the Finance Authority of Maine to use proceeds from the nursing education loan repayment fund for the administrative expenses of the nursing education loan repayment program.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-401) proposed to remove the appropriations and allocations section from the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 417 creates the nursing education loan repayment program and fund, to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, for the purpose of increasing nursing faculty at nursing education programs in the State. The program will repay up to \$4,500 of education loans for a master's degree and up to \$6,000 of education loans for a doctoral degree for a nurse who commits to working as faculty in a nursing education program in the State for a minimum of 3 years after acceptance into the program.