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Bill Summaries

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on
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Summary of Legislation Considered by 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 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 1687

An Act To Develop a New Judicial Facility in Bangor

PUBLIC 460

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY J TARDY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1687 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in the City of Bangor.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 460 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purpose of paying costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in the City of Bangor.

LD 1691

An Act To Eliminate Pension Cost Reduction Bonding and Provide Replacement Budgeting Measures

PUBLIC 457

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1691 was reported out of committee, under the authority of H. P. 1194 a Joint Order, without amendment. Please see the enacted bill summary for the details of the bill's content.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 457 does the following:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Part A repeals the authority for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue pension cost reduction bonds that was provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 1. It also appropriates funds to the Teacher Retirement program within the Department of Education to restore the deappropriations provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 5. However, the fiscal year 2005-06 appropriation to fund the unfunded actuarial liability of teachers' retirement is reduced to reflect the transfer of \$41,908,402 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 12, Part PPPP, section 2 and the transfer of \$250,000 from the Maine State Retirement System's Administrative Expense Reserve account to the Retirement Allowance Fund on or before January 1, 2006.
B	Part B makes reductions to several programs within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services through position eliminations and All Other reductions.