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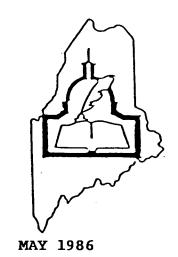
#### STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

#### **EDUCATION**

# BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

Sponsor: TWITCHELL, Walker
Committee Report: OTP

S-505 PEARSON

H S

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill increases the debt limit for school bus purchases from \$4 million to \$7 million. The Senate Amendment (S-505) reduces the limit from \$7 million to \$5 million.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE OSTEOPATHIC LOAN 2110 PROGRAM

PL 1985 c. 756

Sponsor: ROLDE, Clark, N., Gill, Descoteau

Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-619 CA

H S

SUMMARY: The bill provides the same deferment and forgiveness provisions to osteopathic medical students as are available to allopathic medical students in paying back state supported loans for medical education. Specifically the bill adds the provisions that the loan can be paid back in 10 annual (but not necessarily equal) payments; a student can seek a deferment in repayment for up to 3 years; students who return to Maine to practice in under-served areas shall be forgiven 25% of the loan for each year of service; and the loan will not become due until the individual has completed training and fulfilled public health or national service obligations.

The Committee Amendment (H-619) clarifies that loan repayment can be deferred until after "fellowship" training and "obligated national service." It specifies that the Commissioner of Human Services determines what the under served areas of the state are. Finally, it gives the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and the Commissioner of Human Services rule making authority.