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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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bill expands eligibility under the program to students already enrolled in a post secondary institution.

LD An Act Directing the Department of Educational and Cultural P & S
2012 Services to Study the Issue of Granting Credit for Fee-Based 105
Driver Education Courses

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
STEVENSON MAYO BOST BUSTIN	OTP-AM	H-549

SUMMARY

Current law allows schools to charge fees which are based on per pupil costs for driver education courses. However, if a fee is charged, the law prohibits schools granting credit for driver education. This bill would have allowed schools to grant credit for such courses.

During committee deliberations, a concern was raised over the constitutionality of granting credit for courses for which a fee is charged in light of the requirement of a free public education in the Maine Constitution. The committee amendment directs the Department of Educational and Cultural Services (with the assistance of the Attorney General) to study the issue of granting credit for fee-based driver education courses and to report to the Legislature in December, 1988.

LD An Act to Increase the Base Salary of Vocational-Technical LV/WD
2033 Institute Instructors

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MATTHEWS Z ESTES BOST JOSEPH	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required minimum VTI instructor salaries to be equal to the minimum starting salary for public school teachers - \$15,500.

LD An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Alternate Voting ND 2518
2051 Procedures for School Budget Approval

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MURPHY E TUTTLE SMALL	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2518