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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::*

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

*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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The committee amendment raises the cap to three times the secondary foundation per pupil operation rate and limits its application to room and board and tuition costs.

The Senate amendment delays implementation of the bill until 1989-90, adds language to phase in provisions of the bill by prorating available funds and adds a fiscal note.

An entry was added to the second errors bill (LD 2657) to correct a cross reference and other language in the Senate amendment.

**LD**      **An Act to Promote the Enhancement of Education in Maine**      **ONTP**  
**2201**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SMALL	ONTP	MAJ	
RANDALL	OTP-AM	MIN	
PEARSON			
PARADIS J			

**SUMMARY**

This bill was introduced to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on School Funding. It provided for: (1) maintaining the State share of operating costs in future years at no less than the 1988-89 percentage, (2) updating 2 year old operating and program costs in a more realistic manner, (3) guaranteeing that each unit will receive at least 75% of what it received for operating costs in the previous year and that some "at risk" units will receive 90%, and (4) guaranteeing that each unit will receive at least 5% of its operating costs in State aid each year. In amended form, this bill served as the committee's minority report on school funding.

The committee amendment would have required that, except in unusual circumstances, the 2 year old base year costs be adjusted by at least the average increase in education costs over the last two years. The amendment also would have provided for any additional funds, up to \$11 million, available for education subsidy to be distributed through the updating adjustment.

**LD**      **An Act to Restrict Smoking in Elementary and Secondary**      **ND 2597**  
**2311**      **Schools**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-ND	MAJ	
GILL	ONTP	MIN	
DEXTER			
HICKEY			

**SUMMARY**

Replaced By LD    2597