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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 556 An Act Concerning Reimbursement for Certain Medical Services P & S 11
as Special Education Services

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LAWRENCE ESTES HANDY	OTP-AM	H-147

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Education to include the treatment by optometrists of vision problems in elementary and secondary school students by means of behavioral training as an allowable special education service. Behavioral optometry includes exercises and training to develop visual skills such as focusing, following moving objects, turning the eyes together and depth perception.

The Committee Amendment (H-147) replaces the original bill and directs the Department of Education to conduct a study of the cost, feasibility and means of including certain medical services as reimbursable special education costs when necessary to provide an appropriate education. The department will report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 15, 1992.

LD 569 An Act to Amend the Composition of the Board of Trustees of PUBLIC 140
the Maine Technical College System

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY CROWLEY PARADIS J CAHILL M	OTP-AM	H-100 S-75 MCCORMICK

SUMMARY

This bill revised the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System by removing 2 ex officio members and replacing members who serve on other boards with members from the general public.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-100) added language directing the Governor to consider statewide geographical representation and gender equity when appointing board members.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-75) added technical language to avoid a conflict with Public Law 1991, chapter 20, also enacted in the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.

LD 601 An Act to Provide for Local Control in the Selection of ONTP
Artists and Writers for Funding

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AULT NORTON FARNUM	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the Arts Commission statutes to require that selection of artists and writers to participate in commission programs must be the decision of local non-profit agencies, not the Commission. After consideration, the committee granted leave to withdraw to the bill and requested the Commission to consider several issues raised by proponents of the bill and to report back to the committee. The issues which the Commission will address are: (1) attaining an appropriate mix of types