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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:

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

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of artistic disciplines represented in the programs; (2) providing appropriate representation of commercial and noncommercial artists in the programs; and (3) assuring an open process in the development of eligibility criteria, the selection of members of peer review committees and the selection of artist to participate in the program. The Commission will report to the committee by December 31, 1991

**LD 613      An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Postgraduate Education      PUBLIC 572**  
**in the Field of Medicine**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J CLARK N NORTON SHELTRA	OTP-AM	H-165

**SUMMARY**

The original bill appropriated funds to the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the number of primary care physicians for rural and underserved areas of Maine by reestablishing the medical contract program, dropped in 1981, at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-165) removed the emergency preamble, the appropriation and the emergency clause. It added a provision stipulating that new positions at a college of osteopathic medicine not be purchased by decreasing the number of allopathic positions currently purchased. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 663      An Act to Provide Access to School Facilities and Programs      ONTP**  
**for Home-instruction Students (By Request)**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STEVENSON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

Under current law, home-instruction students may only participate in school programs with the explicit approval of school authorities. This bill would have directed the Department of Education to designate a range of regularly offered nonacademic programs to be made available to home-instruction students by the school administrative unit within whose jurisdiction they reside. The bill would have standardized the nonacademic program opportunities available to home-instruction students. The bill also required that school administrative units provide access for home-instruction students to academic facilities.

See also LDs 830, 888 and 904 on home schooling issues.

**LD 677      An Act to Establish an Office of the Ombudsman at each      ONTP**  
**Campus of the University of Maine System**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA CATHCART	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established an ombudsman office at each campus of the University of Maine System for the purpose of investigating complaints or grievances brought by students, faculty or staff.