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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.

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

**An Act Concerning the Lease or Lease-purchase of School Bus  
Garage and Maintenance Facilities and School Administrative  
Office Space**

SPONSOR(S)  
GWADOSKY  
CROWLEY  
MARTIN J  
AULT

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-292

**SUMMARY**

Under current law, part of the state subsidy that school administrative units receive is based on the funds they expend to lease bus garage and maintenance facilities. The subsidy does not cover funds used for the lease-purchase of bus garage and maintenance facilities.

This bill included lease-purchase payments for bus garage and maintenance facilities and school administrative office space in state subsidy calculations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-292) deleted the definition of "actual local operating costs" from the original bill, added a definition of portable, temporary classroom space and added a fiscal note.

**LD 1030**

**An Act Relating to Financial Responsibility for Students Not  
Residing with Parents or Legal Guardians**

SPONSOR(S)  
RICHARDSON

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-361

**SUMMARY**

This bill provided that whenever a student is not residing with the student's parent or legal guardian because of a broken home or intolerable home conditions, the unit where the student attends school may apply to the commissioner for a determination as to which school administrative unit shall pay the costs of educating that student.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-361) added a provision describing the process by which the appropriate subsidy for students not living at home and transfer students is calculated. The amendment also required the same subsidy calculation for a student from a broken home who is attending school in a unit other than where that student's parent or legal guardian resides if the Commissioner of Education has determined that the unit must pay the cost for educating that child.

**LD 1054**

**An Act to Revise the Laws Concerning Innovative Educational  
Grants**

SPONSOR(S)  
GILL  
ESTES  
O'GARA

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-152 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

The original bill increased the maximum allowable local school-based grant from \$10,000 to \$30,000, established a minimum state match of 50% and allowed for continuing funding from a maximum of 3 years to a maximum of 5 years.