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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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BILL SUMMARIES
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 1157 An Act to Amend the Teacher Retirement Laws

**PUBLIC 360
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N JALBERT O'DEA	OTP-AM	S-195

SUMMARY

This bill permits a President of the Maine Teachers Association to continue as a member of the Maine State Retirement System with the MTA paying the employer's share of the retirement costs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-195) provides that for a teacher serving as President of the Maine Teachers Association "earnable compensation" is the amount that the teacher would have earned if the teacher had remained in a teaching position. The amendment also removes the reference to the length of the president's term, which could change in the future.

LD 1187 An Act to Amend and Clarify the Definition of Earnable Compensation in the Maine State Retirement System Laws

PUBLIC 432

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N GOULD R R MERRILL HANDY	OTP	S-186 MCCORMICK

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the definition of "earnable compensation" as it pertains to the Maine State Retirement System laws by limiting the length of a working day.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-186) deletes language defining a day as being limited to 8 hours of working time, for purposes of calculating "earnable compensation" under the retirement laws. The amendment is not intended to express any legislative intent with regard to the definition of day currently used by the retirement system.

LD 1225 An Act Relating to Ordinary Death Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System

PUBLIC 469

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J CLARK N	OTP-AM	H-450

SUMMARY

This bill makes the "automatic option 2" available to the beneficiaries of state employee and teacher members of the Maine State Retirement System who die while in service, regardless of the number of years of service or age at the time of death of the member.

This benefit will be available to beneficiaries of employees of a participating local district only after the district has adopted this provision in the manner set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18202.