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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.

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

**LD 1245 An Act to Require Payment of Rent for the Residences of University of Maine System Presidents (By Request)**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DUPLESSIS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the payment of rent from a University of Maine System president residing in university housing.

**LD 1249 An Act Relating to the Education of Homeless Students**

**PUBLIC 608  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LUDWIG  
BRANNIGAN  
AULT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-767 GEAN

**SUMMARY**

This bill implemented the State's responsibilities under the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to revise its laws to ensure that homeless students are afforded a free, appropriate public education. This bill authorized the commissioner to adopt rules consistent with that Act that permits a homeless student to enroll in the school administrative unit where the best interests of the student are served. This bill created another exception, not squarely dealt with by existing law, to the general principle that a child is entitled to a free public education only in the school unit where the child's parent or legal guardian resides.

House Amendment "A" (H-767) added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1252 An Act to Amend and Improve the Laws Relating to Education**

**INDEF PP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRAUN  
BARTH  
O'GARA

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-153

**SUMMARY**

This bill, the department's omnibus bill:

1. Changes the name of high school equivalency certificates to high school equivalency diplomas to be consistent with federal statutes;
2. Inserts language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 3351, authorizing the Commissioner of Education to carry forward unexpended balances in the accounts established for the purpose of the schooling of children in the unorganized territories. This language was inadvertently removed in 1986;
3. Establishes provisions in Title 20-A, section 5055, that authorize superintendents of schools to issue work permits and give the Commissioner of Education rule-making authority to administer this section;