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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:

<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 1338 An Act Concerning Teacher Employment**

**VETO SUSTAINED**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS  
OLIVER  
HANDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-147

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires a school superintendent to give written reasons for nonrenewal of an experienced teacher's contract at that teacher's request.

The Committee Amendment (S-147) requires the teacher's request to be in writing. The amendment also provides the same opportunity to request and receive written reasons for nonrenewal of contract to probationary teachers.

The Governor's veto was sustained.

**LD 1399 An Act to Increase the Minimum State Share of Total Education Costs**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ESTES  
BOST  
ERWIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased the state share percentage of the total allocation statewide to 58% in fiscal year 1991-92 and 60% in fiscal year 1992-93 from its current level of 55%. The bill also would have appropriated the funding necessary to accomplish the increases.

**LD 1429 An Act to Require a Driver Education Program Curriculum**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL J  
CLARK N

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Commercial Driver Education, to establish and periodically review curriculum requirements for all public and private driver education programs and schools in this State.