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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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 1558 Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72) **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future. This resolve would have established the Task Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice. The task force would have studied teacher training, curriculum development and facilities planning and propose a comprehensive integration of the various parts of our educational system and the means of meeting the life-long learning opportunities in the State.

LD 1571 An Act Relating to Level I and Level II Educational Technicians **P & S 26 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON NORTON	OTP-AM	H-477

SUMMARY

This bill grandparents former teacher aides and assistants as level II or level III Educational Technicians in the school district in which they are employed without requiring them to meet the current certification requirements for Ed Tech II or III. The bill further provides that former teacher aides do not become members of the Maine State Retirement System when hired as Ed Tech II or III in order to protect their status under Social Security. The membership status of aides who belong to the retirement system due to employment in participating local districts is not affected by this bill.

The Committee Amendment (H-477) replaces the language of the bill with unallocated language clarifying the intent of the bill. The amendment provides that former teacher aides promoted to level II or level III Educational Technicians before September 1, 1991 retain the type of retirement coverage they had prior to promotion. The amendment also waives the professional certification requirements for teacher aides (level I Educational Technicians) and teacher assistants (level II Educational Technicians) promoted before September 1, 1991 to be certified as level II or level III Educational Technicians if they were actually performing the functions of the level II or level III position prior to promotion. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1575 An Act to Repeal the Maine Educational Assessment Program **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY CROWLEY PARADIS J SKOGLUND	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-650

SUMMARY

This bill would have eliminated the statewide educational assessment program.