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BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 1785      An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Out-of-District Special Education Placements      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ESTES CROWLEY NORTON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided funds to the Department of Education to fully fund special education costs of out-of-district placements above 3 times the secondary foundation per pupil operating costs.

**LD 1810      An Act to Provide for Dissolution of a Union School or Withdrawal from a Union School      PUBLIC 864**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	S-540 S-764    BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a process for the assignment of teachers and the protection of collective bargaining rights upon dissolution of a union school.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-540) replaces the original bill and establishes a process for dissolution of a union school and for withdrawal by a municipality from a union school that parallels the dissolution and withdrawal provisions for school administrative districts and consolidated school districts.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-764) adds language exempting the public hearing and election provisions from the municipal mandate laws.

**LD 1867      An Act to Provide for Direct Reimbursement of Special Education Costs      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
COLES KILKELLY HANDY ESTES	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have guaranteed that each school administrative unit in the State receive compensation for its current year special education costs on a monthly basis. Compensation for special education costs would have equalled the unit's most recent monthly special education expenditure, multiplied by the average statewide state share percentage of program costs in the current year.

It would have also increased the State's share of special education costs to 100% effective July 1, 2000 and added a provision for paying 1991-92 school year special education costs to school units over a 5-year period, beginning in July 1994.