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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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 2132 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning High School Equivalency
Certificates**

PUBLIC 662

SPONSOR(S)

BRAWN
ESTES
NORTON
OLIVER

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-539

SUMMARY

The original bill changes the name of "high school equivalency certificates" to "high school equivalency diplomas" to be consistent with federal laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-539) retains that change, restructures the statute to clarify the requirements for granting a diploma to persons who are 17 or 18 years of age, removes the Maine residency requirement for eligibility, permits assessment of a fee to out-of-state applicants and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 2206 An Act to Protect Students Appointed to Special Select
Committees**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

ESTY
LEMKE

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have ensured that students appointed to boards established by the Legislature or by executive order are not penalized at high school or college for absences caused by attendance at board meetings.

**LD 2222 An Act to Change the School Subsidy from a Valuation to a
Per Pupil Formula**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

SKOGLUND
HEINO

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a schedule for transition to an education funding formula based on the number of pupils in a school unit rather than the current valuation and per pupil method. It included a mechanism to monitor progress and provided an option for correction.

**LD 2236 An Act Concerning the Degree Granting Authority of Husson
College**

P & S 82

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CLARK N
LEBOWITZ
MORRISON
BALDACCI

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-565

SUMMARY

Current law allows Husson College to grant specific bachelor of science degrees. The original bill allows Husson College to grant any bachelor of science degree.