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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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**LD 849**      **Resolve, to Create the Commission on Education Rules**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
COLES                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have created the Commission on Education Rules to examine the Department of Education rules affecting school administrative units and to make recommendations for any necessary changes to those rules.

**LD 857**      **An Act Requiring School Suspension or Expulsion in Cases Involving Dangerous or Concealed Weapons**      **PUBLIC 157**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HANLEY                                      OTP-AM                                      S-86

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to include within the list of violations that require a school board to expel a student the possession of a firearm, under any circumstances, and the possession and use of any dangerous weapon in such a way as to cause injury intentionally or knowingly or accompanied by a threat to cause injury.

Committee Amendment "A" retains the provisions of the bill and adds language clarifying that students possessing a firearm on school property with permission of a school official, as in the case of a firearm or hunting safety course, are exempted from this provision. The amendment also restructures the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 9 in outline form for clarification.

**LD 888**      **An Act to Make Children Legally Responsible for Their Truancy**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KETTERER                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made an habitual truant responsible for that person's truancy in addition to the adult responsible for that person's attendance in school. The bill would have extended the same enforcement provisions to habitual truants as now exist for the adults responsible for their attendance in school.

**LD 889**      **An Act Concerning Fine Arts Instructional Requirements**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KONTOS                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that fine arts instruction be provided by certified specialists and include instruction on awareness, appreciation and performance of art forms.