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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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## Joint Standing Committee on Education

**LD 112**      **An Act to Amend the Role of the State Board of Education**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
NORTON	OTP-AM	MAJ	
	ONTP	MIN	

### **SUMMARY**

The State Board of Education plays advisory, policy-making or regulatory roles in such areas as school construction, teacher certification, school approval, interstate school district formation and approval of formation of school administrative districts. This bill would have limited the functions of the State Board of Education to advising the Commissioner of Education and acting as the state agency responsible for administering federal vocational education funds.

**LD 809**      **An Act Relating to Conferring of Degrees by the Research Institute for Semiological Mathematics**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CATHCART	ONTP	MAJ	
O'DEA	OTP	MIN	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill would have granted authority to the Research Institute for Semiological Mathematics to confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Semiological Mathematics.

**LD 897**      **An Act to Amend the School Finance Act of 1985**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARTIN J	ONTP		

### **SUMMARY**

This bill would have:

1. Remedied the inequitable allocation of the state subsidy for all school administrative units during fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;
2. Prevented straight percentage reductions in general purpose aid or any other reduction method other than as provided by the School Finance Act of 1985; and
3. Required that Maine comply with the wealth neutrality test of the federal Impact Aid Act, 20 United States Code, Section 236 et seq. so that the State continues to receive federal aid to which it is entitled under the federal Impact Aid Act.