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BILL SUMMARIES
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 Aging, Retirement & Veterans

LD 232 **An Act to Increase the Earnings Cap of a Disability Retirement Benefit** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NORTON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The disability retirement laws currently contain an earnings cap of \$10,000. After a recipient reaches the cap, the disability benefit is reduced dollar for dollar. This bill would have increased the cap to \$20,000 and provided for future annual indexing according to the Consumer Price Index.

LD 922 **An Act to Clarify the Definition of Teacher under the Laws of the Maine State Retirement System** PUBLIC 482

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PFEIFFER	OTP-AM	H-369 S-362 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill ensures that there is no reduction of earnable compensation and creditable service for teachers on released time spent performing the part-time duties of the office of president of a certified bargaining agent. The released time provision must be negotiated as part of a collective bargaining agreement and appropriate withholdings must be made to the Maine State Retirement System by the school administrative unit on the part-time president's earnings.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-369) provides that the retirement costs related to released time to perform the function of the president of the collective bargaining agent must be paid by the bargaining agent or the school. The retirement costs attributable to payments for the unfunded liability will be paid by the State.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-362) adds a mandate preamble to the Committee Amendment and replaces the fiscal note.

LD 1058 **An Act to Clarify Mandatory Coverage Requirements for Participating Local Districts within the Maine State Retirement System** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SAXL	ONTP MAJ	
BALDACCI	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the laws governing mandatory coverage requirements for participating local districts within the Maine State Retirement System so that the local district could exclude or withdraw classes or groups of employees from mandatory coverage. The classes of employees excluded would have to be covered either by mandatory local pension provisions or Social Security withholdings. The bill would also have required that participating local districts determine whether part-time, seasonal and temporary employees will participate in the local district or be exempted.