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BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 (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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

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

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

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 formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

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.

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

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

OTP-AM

H-281

SUMMARY

This bill is submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions.

Committee Amendment "A" preserves the following boards and commissions within the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Education: Advisory Committee on Medical Education; Maine Area Health Education Centers Advisory Committee; Policy Review Board; Policy Review Council; Truants and Dropouts Advisory Committee; and Maine Education Assistance Board.

The amendment repeals the Maine Choice Program, an inactive program, in addition to its advisory board and repeals a cross-reference to the Maine Educational Council.

LD 1112 Resolve, to Make Public School Teachers Employees of the State

ONTP

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

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ONTP

SUMMARY

Under current law, the cost of employing public school teachers is subsidized with state funds. Local schools establish compensation rates based on local preferences and ability to pay and are in turn reimbursed based on their level of state education funding. In addition, the State pays 100% of the employer's share of teacher retirement to the Maine State Retirement System. Other benefits, such as insurance benefits, may be subscribed to through the Maine Teachers Association. The State has no uniform method of controlling salary or benefit costs.

In an effort to establish greater uniformity and a measure of control over state expenditures for teacher salaries without usurping authority and control from local school boards, this resolve would have directed the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop a plan for the transition of public school teachers from local school employees to employees of the State beginning July 1, 1995. The resolve required that the department develop all legislation needed to implement the transition for consideration during the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

LD 1113 Resolve, to Extend the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center and to Establish an Advisory Committee to the Commission

RESOLVE 38

EMERGENCY

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

LIPMAN

OTP

BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This resolve continues the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center by requiring an additional report from the commission by November 1, 1994. The resolve authorizes the formation of an advisory committee and the hiring of a consultant. Funds appropriated from the General Fund are contingent upon receipt by the commission of funds from the City of Augusta and the University of Maine System.