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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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AMERO**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
S-262
S-373 PEARSON**SUMMARY**

This bill is the Department of Education's housekeeping bill. It accomplishes the following. The bill:

1. Contains provisions to facilitate the issuance of Maine professional teaching certificates to the qualified, experienced, out-of-state teachers moving to Maine to teach;
2. Clarifies language with respect to the determination of the amount for acquisition of art in the construction of public buildings;
3. Clarifies language with respect to the procedures for participation of an architect in connection with the acquisition of works of art in the construction of public buildings;
4. Authorizes the collection of fees for validation of nursing assistant test results; and
5. Increases the fee for competency testing of nursing assistants from \$15 to \$20 and adds a new fee of \$5 for the validation of these test results.

Committee Amendment "A" amends the existing statute outlining the process for election of directors to the school board of a school administrative district, or SAD. The amendment clarifies the process for increasing and decreasing the number of directors in an SAD and for determining the length of the director's term of office.

The amendment corrects a change made in the school approval rules during the 115th Legislature that inadvertently repealed the authority of the Commissioner of Education to carry out the school approval process. The amendment makes clear that as a cost-saving measure, site visits to local schools are not mandatory during the school years beginning in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995.

The amendment adds a provision requiring that all public school budget documents include a statement that the budget does not include the estimated employer expense for teacher retirement costs. The budget must include the estimated employer cost for teacher retirement, which is paid 100% by the State.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" corrects a potential conflict between this bill and PL c. 410, adds a mandate preamble and amends the fiscal note.

LD 1275 Resolve, to Survey Nonionizing Radiation Exposure in Schools

ONTP

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HEESCHEN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This resolve was intended to obtain information about magnetic field exposures of school children. The resolve would have required all electric utility companies to measure magnetic field levels at each school building, outbuilding and playground that is within 100 feet of a substation or an electrical transmission power line operating at 34.5 kilovolts or more.