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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:

<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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as in the original bill but with more straightforward wording. The amendment adds an alternative method of purchasing service credit for private or parochial school teaching for PLD members that is comparable to the alternative included in the bill for state employees and teachers. The amendment establishes the Advisory Committee on Teacher Retirement to oversee the development and implementation of a defined contribution plan and to consider changes to the definition of teacher and earnable compensation.

**LD 1308      An Act to Provide Equitable Representation on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System      CARRIED OVER**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds 2 members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, one who is a member of the retirement system through employment as a participating local district employee and who is appointed by the AFL-CIO and one member of the retirement system appointed by the Maine School Management Association. The bill also increases the number of members needed for a quorum from 4 to 6 and the minimum number of votes needed to take action from 4 to 6.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1330      An Act Regarding Creditable Service of Educational Technicians in the Maine State Retirement System      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PARADIS J                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided that an educational technician receive a full year of creditable service for any school year during which that employee is employed for 1,000 or more hours in a part-time or seasonal position.

**LD 1333      An Act to Change Beneficiary Provisions for Survivor Benefits in the Maine State Retirement System      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PARADIS J                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the original surviving beneficiary to transfer rights to another person. Currently, the law does not allow the assignment of benefits by the beneficiary, other than an election not to receive benefits, in which case the benefits would be divided among the remaining beneficiaries. This bill does not apply to life insurance or any other type of benefits allowed under the Maine State Retirement System.