

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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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**LD 1536      An Act to Establish the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program**

PUBLIC 392

**SPONSOR(S)**MITCHELL E  
AMERO**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**H-547  
H-620    MITCHELL E**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program. The program, which provides an additional educational option for high school students through a partnership between business and industry, will be administered by the Maine Technical College System in cooperation with the Department of Education and the Department of Labor. The bill also establishes the Skill Standards Board, which is responsible for creating industry skill standards for the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Committee Amendment "A" makes minor changes in the bill designed to preserve the tax status of the Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program as an organization described in Section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that the Skill Standards Board is an advisory board.

**LD 1554      An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Assignment of  
School Attendance Areas**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

OLIVER

**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that school redistricting done in the State takes place without economic discrimination. The bill provides for enforcement of the nondiscrimination requirement by the Commissioner of Education through an action brought in the Superior Court.

**LD 1560      An Act Requiring Public Schools to Purchase Insurance  
through a Competitive Bidding Process**PUBLIC 423  
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**

MITCHELL E

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-340    AMERO

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a competitive bidding process for the purchase of insurance by school administrative units. The competitive bidding process applies to the purchase of insurance for school buildings, school buses and similar items. It does not apply to the purchase of insurance for workers' compensation or employee benefits.

Senate Amendment "E" permits a school board in a municipal school unit to waive the competitive bidding requirement for the purchase of school insurance if school insurance and municipal insurance are purchased as a package through competitive bidding by the municipal government.

The amendment also directs the Joint Standing Committee on Education to study the use of competitive bidding for the purchase of workers' compensation and employee benefit insurance and to prepare recommendations for the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.