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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 1699 An Act to Establish the Debt Service Limit for Fiscal
Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998**

PUBLIC 693

SPONSOR(S)
AMERO

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-610 PEARSON

SUMMARY

Current law requires that the Legislature establish the maximum debt service limit for the next biennium. The bill accomplishes that requirement by establishing the debt service limits for fiscal year 1996-97 and fiscal year 1997-98 at \$69,000,000.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-430) reduced the debt service limit for fiscal year 1996-97 and fiscal year 1997-98 to \$67,000,000, thereby maintaining the current debt service limit. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1704 An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Provisions of the
Higher Education Act of 1965 as Amended**

PUBLIC 493
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
AMERO

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-393

SUMMARY

Federal law requires each state to designate a state postsecondary review entity, or SPRE, to develop review standards to be utilized in determining eligibility for participation in federal student aid programs for those institutions in each state that are referred to the state by the federal Secretary of Education. This bill provides the statutory base for the Department of Education to serve as the state postsecondary review entity and gives the Commissioner of Education authority for rulemaking to implement the federal law.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-393) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1729 An Act to Ensure Rehabilitation Services for People
with Severe Disabilities**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CARROLL

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided \$2,000,000 to enable the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Education to serve additional clients.

**LD 1762 An Act to Create a Single School Administrative District
for Aroostook County**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a single school administrative district for the entire area of Aroostook County.