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**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*

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**LD 1768      An Act to Develop a Voluntary Firearm Safety Program for  
Use in Schools in the State**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TITCOMB

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have directed the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a voluntary firearm safety program for use in public schools with assistance from a national gun group such as the National Rifle Association.

**LD 1775      An Act to Establish a Technical College in York County**

INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALE  
DUTREMBLE D

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The 115th Legislature, through its enactment of Resolve 1991, chapter 43, directed the Maine Technical College System Board of Trustees to establish the Commission to Study the Need for a Technical College in York County. The commission, composed of leaders from the business community, membership organizations, education and labor throughout the southern part of the State, upon conducting a series of meetings, including public hearings, to collect and analyze data and public opinion, concluded that a technical college should be established for the availability of technical education to the citizens of York County. This bill appropriated \$1,800,000 funds to the Maine Technical College System to establish a technical college in York County.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-851) would have provided additional information on establishing a technical college in York County. The funding would have supported the hiring of the necessary administrators, faculty and other staff, training equipment for programs, rental of facilities and other needs of a new college in preparation for incoming students in January 1995.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-989) would have added York County Technical College to the list of technical colleges that are located in the State.

LD 1775 was indefinitely postponed and the language describing establishment of the York County Technical College moved into the budget bill. Funding was reduced from \$1.8 to \$1.2 million dollars. An additional \$600,000 will be required annually to fully fund the York County Technical College.

**LD 1826      An Act to Provide Access to Postsecondary Education in  
York County**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DUTREMBLE D

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the York County Continuing Education Authority. The authority would have been charged with creating and reporting to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature a plan to implement a program of education in technical disciplines and apprenticeship training in York County for secondary school graduates and nontraditional students. The plan would have addressed curriculum, capital and operating budgets and administration of the program by the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System, public secondary schools or any combination of these