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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

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.

5581LHS

LD 1956

An Act to Revise the Laws of Maine to Incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education

**PUBLIC 708
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
AULT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1092 AULT
H-909

SUMMARY

This bill makes statutory changes in the laws necessary to incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education and meet the requirements of Resolve 1993, chapter 43.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-909) corrects a number of technical mistakes made in repealing, amending and reenacting language in the Maine Revised Statutes necessary to incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1092) corrects a technical error and adds transition provisions to provide for the orderly transfer of functions from the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Department of Education, Office of Rehabilitation Services.

LD 1958

An Act to Establish the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

PUBLIC 706

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS J
KIEFFER
MACBRIDE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1054 MITCHELL E
H-1118 MITCHELL E
S-511

SUMMARY

Part A of the bill establishes the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. The school is intended to provide certain high-achieving high school students with an intensive curriculum emphasis in math and science. The school will be located in Limestone and will serve students from throughout the State. Students from other states and countries may attend on a space-available basis.

Part B of the bill establishes a task force to develop a plan for a school for the visual and performing arts to open in September of 1996 in the greater Portland area. The task force shall present its plan together with any recommended legislation to the Governor and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by December 15, 1994.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-511) makes the following changes to the bill:

1. Makes clear that the State will fund 100% of the costs of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics;
2. Makes clear that the State will make 4 equal payments to the school on a quarterly basis, beginning on August 31st of each year;
3. Makes clear that the Governor will consider geographical representation and gender equity in appointing members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and the Task Force of the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts;
4. Adds 2 teachers to the board of trustees of the school;
5. Adds a requirement that one of the 8 public members of the board of trustees of the school have expertise in instructional television;