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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1135 AN ACT TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE EDUCATION LAWS OF MAINE

BOST
GAUVREAU
ROBERTS
MATTHEWS K

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 318

H-200 CA MAJ REP
H-201 CB MIN REP H S
S-147 SA BROWN L

SUMMARY:

This bill makes several technical changes in the education statutes. It deletes outdated language and clarifies language to reflect current practices. The section proposing to repeal the Teacher Placement Office and transfer the resources of that program to meet the certification needs of the department received considerable discussion.

CA-H-200: The Majority Report would have deleted 2 sections of the bill which are duplicated in LD 190, retained the section repealing the Teacher Placement Office and provided for reallocation of its resources for teacher certification.

CB-H-201: (Adopted) The Minority Report deletes the 2 sections of the bill duplicated in LD 190 and deletes the section of the bill repealing the Teacher Placement Office.

LD: 1143 AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLAINE HOUSE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

GAUVREAU
PARADIS P
BRODEUR
HANDY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have provided loan forgiveness under the Blaine House Scholars Program for teachers who teach in parochial schools.

LD: 1168 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE POSTING OF AN AMERICAN FLAG INSIDE ALL PUBLIC CLASSROOMS

COTE
HOGLUND
SIMPSON
LACROIX

ND: 189

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 103

SUMMARY:

School units are presently required to display the American flag at each school. The bill requires that flags be displayed in every classroom. The new draft changed the location of the new provision from a section dealing with special observances and a subsection dealing with the duties of instructors to teach about the flag to a section dealing with the superintendent's responsibility to make sure the flag is displayed.

LD: 1190 AN ACT TO PROMOTE AVIATION AND AEROSPACE
TECHNOLOGY IN MAINE SCHOOLS

MCGOWAN
PEARSON
CALLAHAN
DAVIS

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required the State Board to adopt rules for the certification of teachers of aerospace technology theory and aerospace applied sciences.

LD: 1199 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE EDUCATION STATUTES
TO PROHIBIT THE TEACHING OF ALTERNATIVE
LIFESTYLES IN MAINE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HICHENS
RICHARD
WEBSTER C
SMITH C B

ONTP HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

S-138 CA MIN REP

SUMMARY:

The bill would have given school boards the authority to "dismiss, refuse to reemploy or suspend any teacher, student teacher or teachers' aide who, in any class during school hours, advocates homosexual activity." The term advocate was defined to include a range of behavior from "advocate, solicit, or impose the approval or acceptance of an activity" to "encourage or promote the approval or acceptance of an activity." Homosexual activity was defined as "any sexual act or sexual contact between persons of the same gender."

At the public hearing one of the co-sponsors of the bill proposed substituting a new draft for the bill. The new draft would have allowed the superintendent and school board to dismiss a teacher for not following the school board's instructions if the teacher did not refrain from teaching certain subject matter when told to refrain by the superintendent.