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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION  
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

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.

CA-S-138: A Committee Amendment to the minority report added a definition of homosexuality to make a clear distinction between homosexuality and "homosexual activity."

LD: 1215 AN ACT TO INCREASE ACADEMIC LEARNING TIME CROUSE  
ND: 195

HOUSE Other  
SENATE Engrossed  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The original bill would have limited all public announcements made during academic periods, except for emergencies, to one occurrence. The new draft would have required school boards to adopt rules governing interruptions of classes for non-academic activities.

LD: 1227 AN ACT TO PERMIT RESTRUCTURING OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS MARTIN J

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

SUMMARY:

The bill would have permitted municipalities to join together to form school administrative districts (SADs) for elementary grades only. At present SADs must include programs for both elementary and secondary schools.

LD: 1228 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS BOST  
MARTIN J  
PEARSON  
CROUSE

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 287  
GOV SIGNED

H-173 CA H S  
H-181 CA BROWN A H S

SUMMARY:

This bill would have established a 2 level certification for principals and superintendents with basic standards for each level and a support team to assess a candidates strengths and weaknesses. An action plan would have been developed for each administrator to specify the criteria each administration must meet for certification.

CA-H-173: The Committee Amendment establishes general initial certification and renewal requirements for