

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

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

superintendents, principals and directors of vocational education regions or centers, grants rule-making authority to the State Board to flesh out the requirements and establishes pilot projects for testing the administrator certification process which will become effective statewide in 1988 along with the teacher certification requirements.

LD: 1258 AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVES TO ATTENDANCE TRAFTON  
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOUTILIER  
ND: 570

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 123

SUMMARY:

The bill exempts students from attending public elementary or secondary schools if they attend a postsecondary degree granting institution. The original bill placed the exemption under a subsection dealing with "equivalent instruction." The new draft placed the exemption as a separate provision in a subsection on exemptions.

LD: 1284 AN ACT TO DEFINE ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL BROWN L  
EMERGENCY PURPOSES AND TO DETERMINE FINANCIAL HOLLOWAY  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION, CARE AND SEWALL  
TREATMENT OF STATE AGENCY CLIENTS RUHLIN

OTP-AM HOUSE Indef. PP  
SENATE Indef. PP  
GOV

S-139 CA H S  
S-154 SA DANTON H S

SUMMARY:

This bill would have defined "state agency client" and "residential placements" which is necessary to the determination of the funding responsibilities of the Departments of Human Services, Mental Health and Retardation, Corrections and Education. The bill would also have established that the DMHR and DOC are responsible for the board/care and treatment costs of their state agency clients who are placed in residential care facilities for other than educational reasons. Finally, the bill would have shifted special education costs for state agency clients from the school units to the DECS if sufficient funds were available.

CA-S-139: The Committee Amendment would have deleted the emergency clause and provided for an effective date of July 1, 1987 in order to avoid a fiscal impact in this biennium.