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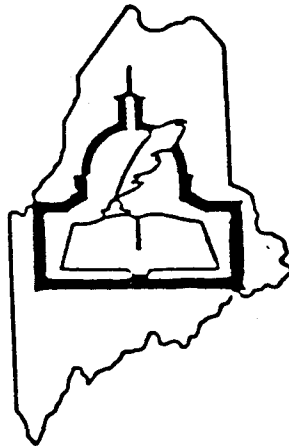
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed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

LD:	1447	AN ACT RELATING TO INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION	ANDREWS CLARK N BROWN L CONNOLLY
ND:	464		
		HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED	PUBLIC CH # 178

SUMMARY:

The new draft is a restructuring of the original bill to clarify its intent. Presently secondary schools must offer one foreign language and are encouraged to offer two foreign languages. Students who attend a school which only offers one foreign language have the right to transfer to a school in another district for the purpose of taking a second foreign language. The bill allows a school to offer American Sign Language as its second foreign language.

LD:	1477	AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS	BOTT MICHAEL BOST
OTP		HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED	PUBLIC CH # 286

SUMMARY:

This bill provides for deferment of the repayment of medical and veterinary school contract student loans for up to 3 years under certain circumstances. The circumstances are not spelled out, but are to be determined by the commissioner on a case-by-case basis. One example would be a doctor who serves overseas in a third world country prior to returning to Maine to practice.

LD:	1490	AN ACT TO AMEND THE NUCLEAR ISSUES CLEARINGHOUSE LAW	ANDREWS BOST RANDALL BROWN L
ONTP		HOUSE Adhered to MIN OTP SENATE Adhered to MAJ ONTP Report	

SUMMARY:

The bill would have expanded the role of the nuclear issues clearinghouse established in the Department of Education last year. The clearinghouse was created to assemble and disseminate information on the development, usage and effects of nuclear arms and nuclear power and to disseminate the information to secondary and elementary schools wishing assistance in this area. This bill would have required that the information also be made available to colleges and