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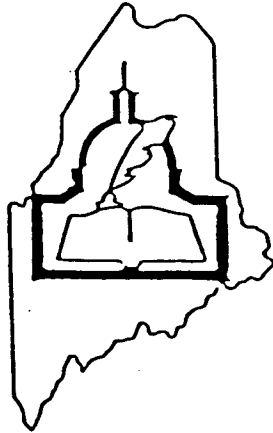
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
2385 MAINE

PL 1985
c. 779

Sponsor: BOST, Baldacci, Bustin
Committee Report: New Draft/New Title of LD
2347.

S-491 BUSTIN

SUMMARY: The original bill provided for changing the name of the University of Maine to the State University of Maine and of the University of Maine at Orono to the University of Maine. The original bill also would have amended provisions of Title 20-A and the University Charter to establish in law the 4 major structural elements of the University. Finally, the original bill would have extended the reporting deadline of the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System from the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature to the Second Regular Session.

The New Draft/New Title changes the name of the University of Maine to the University of Maine System and of the campus at Orono to the University of Maine. The other provisions of the original bill are deleted.

SA-S-491: The Senate Amendment would have amended the University Charter to specifically state that the Augusta Campus offers 2 and 4 year programs.

LD AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A GENERAL FUND BOND ISSUE
2388 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS
FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS TO MEET THE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE EDUCATION REFORM ACT AND
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACTIVITY BUILDING
AT THE AUGUSTA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

PL 1985
c. 122

Sponsor: SMALL, Foss, Lawrence, Brown, A.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2328.

SUMMARY: This bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services estimate the Education Reform Act will require \$5 million in school construction for 8 schools to enable them to meet the minimum graduation requirements. Both the original bill and the New Draft provide for a \$5 million bond issue to meet the State's share of these costs. In addition, the New Draft includes \$1 million for an activity building at the Augusta Mental Health Institute.

The Senate Amendment would have changed the election date from the general election in November to the primary election in June.

LD AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT AN INFLATION FACTOR IN THE PL 1985
2395 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LAW c. 780

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Soucy, Rolde, Hichborn
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2322.

SUMMARY: The intent of the original bill and the New Draft is to allow the \$35 million debt service limit on school construction to increase each year with the inflation in construction costs. The New Draft limits the increase to 5% in any given year. It also makes technical changes in the language and procedures to make it compatible with the timing of the state board's approval of construction projects.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND AND IMPROVE THE EDUCATION LAWS PL 1985
2399 OF MAINE c. 797

Sponsor: BROWN, L., Bost, Matthews, K.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2271.

S-524 VIOLETTE
S-526 BROWN, L. H S

SUMMARY: The original bill is the department's so-called omnibus bill. It is designated to correct errors, omissions and inconsistencies in Title 20-A, correct cross references to Title 20-A in other titles, and to substantively amend certain provisions of Title 20-A in order to clarify and improve State education laws. During work sessions, the Committee reviewed and approved each substantive change proposed in the bill. In addition, the provisions relating to private schools were the subject of a special work session at which interested parties were specifically invited to participate. The New Draft is a result of the Committee's review of the original bill. For descriptions of all the changes made by the bill, see the Statement of Fact for LD 2271 and LD 2399.

SA-S-524: This Senate Amendment would have amended the University charter to specifically state that the Augusta campus offers 2 and 4 year programs.

SB-S-526: This Senate Amendment makes a technical change to allow local school boards to determine the number of board members who may be on a local finance committee.