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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR
1629 CERTIFICATION LAW.

VETO
SUSTAINED

Sponsor:
Committee Report: OTP-ND
Amendments Adopted:
S-78 USHER

SUMMARY: This bill represents the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education following its review of the educational personnel certification law required by P.L. 1983, c. 845 and P.L. 1987, c. 84. The bill would have:

1. Allowed for the completion of the administrator certification pilot projects currently in operation and extended the implementation date for administrator certification from July 1, 1988, to July 1, 1989;
2. Eliminated the master teacher, or 3rd level, of teacher certification;
3. Generally kept July 1, 1988, as the implementation date for teacher certification law, but allowed teachers whose current certificate expires on July 30, 1988, to renew their certificates under the old law if they wish. Beginning on July 1, 1989, all certificates will be issued under the new law; and
4. Changed the 6-year review and reporting requirement by the State Board of Education to the Education Committee on certification issues to an annual one and established a series of interim reports on the implementation of the teacher and administrator certification law prior to the first annual report.

The Senate amendment would have made a technical change consistent with the intent of the bill.

LD AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE CERTIFICATION OF
1630 EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL LAW.

NOT ACCEPTED

Sponsor:
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: This bill represents the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education following its review of the educational personnel certification law required by P.L. 1983, c. 845 and P.L. 1985, c. 84. This bill paralleled LD 1629 except it would have retained the 3rd level or master teacher certification renaming it professional level II and would have extended pilot

projects and delayed implementation for the third level for one year with a report to the Education Committee and recommendations to the Legislature.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO POWERS OF THE BOARD OF P&SL 1987
1648 TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY AND TO c. 41
AUTHORIZE CONFERRAL OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE
DEGREE IN MARITIME MANAGEMENT.

Sponsor: RICE, Gould RR, Estes
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill gives the Maine Maritime Academy the authority to establish the Maine Maritime Press in order to publish scholarly works by its faculty, graduate and undergraduate students. The bill also deletes the requirement that graduate students complete 50 credit hours and instead specifies that they must complete all post baccalaureate degree requirements.

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE NOT ACCEPTED
1649 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
SERVICES.

Sponsor: ESTES
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 246 (MINORITY REPORT)

SUMMARY: See LD 246.

LD AN ACT TO CORRECT, AMEND AND IMPROVE THE LAWS INDEF. PP
1658 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Sponsor: ESTES, Randall, Small, Gould RA
Committee Report:

SUMMARY: This bill is the Department of Educational and Cultural Services omnibus bill to correct, clarify and amend various provisions of the educational laws to improve their administration and implementation. The Statement of Fact for the bill contains a section by section analysis of the bill. The committee reviewed each section of the bill and proposed several amendments.

The committee amendment added a fiscal note to the bill showing an increase in dedicated revenue and a corresponding decrease in General Fund revenue, deleted a section dealt with in another bill considered by the committee this Session and added four new sections to the bill.