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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.

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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

The amendment clarifies a conflict in the date of distribution of a warrant preparatory to a referendum vote on establishing an alternative budget approval process in a school administrative district. The amendment also adds a provision for certification of teachers in an approved private school which is parallel to a provision in the original bill for public schools. The amendment expands the description and use of documents which are public records. Finally, the amendment adds explanatory language regarding the payment of state agency client costs.

LD 1660 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL APPROVAL FOR NONTRADITIONAL LIMITED PURPOSE SCHOOLS.

PL 1987 c. 250

Sponsor: NORTON, Kany, Brawn, Gwadosky. Committee Report: New Draft of LD 804

SUMMARY: The original bill would have provided for departmental approval of nontraditional schools such as Hurricane Island Outward Bound School under certain circumstances. The department supported the bill in concept but opposed the specific language of the bill. Following consultation between the sponsor and representatives of the department and Hurricane Island Outbward Bound School, a new draft was presented to the committee.

The new draft satisfies the concerns of the department while still meeting the objectives of the sponsor. It is more tightly worded than the original bill and provides the department with a process for approval of nontraditional, limited purpose schools which is not found in existing law.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

INDEF. PP

Sponsor: HANDY, Matthews K, Bost, Kany Committee Report:

SUMMARY: The original bill would have increased the minimum daily compensation of substitute teachers from \$35 per day to the equivalent of the daily pay for beginning teachers in a school administrative unit.

The new draft would have established 4 categories or levels for substitute teachers based on educational and certification level and would have set limits on the length of time teachers in each category could serve as a substitute. Special procedures would have allowed waiving those requirements in emergency situations. The new draft would have required provision of in-service training for

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