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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

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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

LD
1831

RESOLVE, REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A
PLAN TO IMPROVE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
CURRICULUM TO BETTER PREPARE MAINE STUDENTS FOR
THE WORLD OF WORK (Reported Pursuant to
Resolves, Chapt. 45 and 53 of 1985)

RESOLVE 1987
c. 49
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: SELECT COMMITTEE on Economic Development
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 977

SUMMARY: LD 977 proposed to require the Commissioner of Education to present to the State Board of Education at its April 1987 meeting a plan to improve the ability of the public school system to better prepare students for the working world and career decisions. The plan was required to meet minimum objectives including:

- A. increasing students' awareness of career options and their own skills and interests;
- B. increasing the emphasis on career education;
- C. encouraging schools to communicate better with business;
- D. encouraging teachers to participate in the "Educator-in-Residence" program;
- E. recommendations to the State Board of Education to amend the high school graduation standards by the addition of 4 preemployment competency areas;
- F. upgrading vocational education programs in conjunction with improved career guidance and education;
- G. encouraging the use of competency-based evaluation systems particularly for vocational education programs.

The Commissioner was required to report prior to May 1, 1987 to the Committees on Education and Economic Development with the plan submitted to the Board.

The new draft, to carry out the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development, will require the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to develop a plan designed to improve elementary and secondary curriculum to better prepare Maine students for the world of work and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on Education prior to February 1, 1988.