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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Clarify the Reporting Mechanism of the Student
2321 Assessment Program

PUBLIC
662

SPONSOR(S)
BOST
HANDY
MATTHEWS K
NORTON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that reporting mechanisms and categories reported for the purposes of comparative analysis under the Student Assessment Program shall be uniform for each school.

LD An Act to Create the Maine Choice Fund
2328

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)
BOUTILIER
GWADOSKY
NADEAU G G
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 1240

The original bill which was carried over from the First Session would have established the Maine Choice Scholarship Fund patterned after the Blaine House Scholarship Program to provide loans of up to \$2000 per year (\$10,000 total) to qualifying students for post-secondary study.

The new draft clarifies that a loan program is to be established, not a grant program, refines the terms "underserved professional subject area" and establishes that loans are available to already enrolled post-secondary students as well as graduating seniors.

LD An Act to Provide for the Education of Students Residing in
2333 Long-Term Drug Treatment Centers

PUBLIC
827
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
KIMBALL
ROLDE
MATTHEWS K
PERKINS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-538

SUMMARY

This bill requires a school administrative unit in which a licensed residential drug treatment center is located to provide an educational program for each eligible student at the center. There is currently one such center and a second one is about to begin operation. The bill calls for the development of an educational plan for the students by the unit and approval of the plan by the Commissioner of the Department of Educational and Cultural

Services. School units providing such an educational program shall be reimbursed in the year their costs are incurred through an adjustment to the State share of the foundation allocation. Reimbursement to a unit is limited to (1) twelve students, (2) the State average tuition rate per student, and (3) funds appropriated for that purpose.

The committee amendment provides flexibility in the selection of the school administrative unit which will be responsible for providing the educational programs. The decision will be made by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services in accordance with departmental rules based on specified criteria. That decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education. The amendment also adds an appropriation and an allocation section and amends the fiscal note.

LD 2385 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1985, Chapter 52) INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-539

SUMMARY

This bill was introduced to implement the legislative aspects of the recommendations of the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System. Several aspects of the commission's recommendations are directed toward administrative action by the UMS and the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and are not included in the bill. The bill would have established a biennial review of teacher salaries by the Education Committee, expanded current law on sabbaticals for educators, encouraged school administrative units to offer sabbaticals by making the paid leave on allowable program expense under the School Finance Act, and established a program of summer grants for professional development of educators.

The committee amendment would have included state teachers and related classifications in the review of teacher salaries, clarified the return to service requirements of the sabbatical leave program, provided for the involvement of educators in the selection of summer grant recipients, and made several technical changes in the bill.

LD 2386 An Act to Create a Uniform School Unit Budgeting Process PUBLIC 669

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MARTIN J CARTER BOST ESTES	OTP-AM	H-517

SUMMARY

This bill creates a uniform school budgeting process by requiring the