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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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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 Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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

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

Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to prepare an annual report showing item by item the components of school administrative units' approved budgets.

The committee amendment establishes December 1st as the date for preparation of the annual report by the commissioner and makes a technical change in the description of the budget items to be reported.

LD      An Act to Enhance and Clarify the Role of the State Board of      PUBLIC  
2405 Education      851

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BOST	OTP-AM	H-550
ESTES		S-514    PEARSON
CLARK N		
MARTIN J		

SUMMARY

This bill makes several changes in existing law governing the State Board of Education. The bill establishes that the state board is to be an autonomous body authorized to hire staff and to contract for services. Members must have experience and knowledge in the field of education and are to be compensated whenever they act to fulfill any board duty. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services is directed to provide staff assistance to the state board.

The committee amendment makes several changes to clarify the intent of the original bill. The amendment maintains the administrative independence of the State Board of Education, but permits location of its office within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services building. The amendment maintains the general prohibition on professional educators from serving on the board which is in current law, deletes from current law the exception to that prohibition granted to college presidents, maintains the regional representation provisions of the original bill and adds the requirement that members possess strong interest in and knowledge of education to be eligible for appointment. The amendment also changes the reduction to 3-year terms proposed in the bill by restoring the current 5-year terms and provides for adoption of rules by which the state board may recommend to the Governor that a member be removed for failure to perform the duties of office. Finally, the amendment adjusts the appropriation section and makes other technical changes in the original bill.

The Senate amendment further adjusts the appropriation section so that there will be no net cost to the General Fund.