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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.

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.