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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.*

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

LD An Act to Clarify the Access of the Commissioner of PUBLIC  
2475 Educational and Cultural Services to Employee Records for 620  
Certification of Educational Personnel

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
BOST  
ESTES  
MATTHEWS K  
GOULD R A

SUMMARY  
New Draft Of LD 1966

The original bill repealed the provision of law providing for access by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services for certification purposes to otherwise confidential school employee records.

The new draft clarifies that those documents are confidential, but provides for access by the commissioner for purposes strictly limited to his certification and school approval responsibilities. The new draft also clarifies an employee's right of access to documents in his file.

LD An Act to Add the Commissioner of Labor as an Ex Officio PUBLIC  
2499 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Vocational-Technical 693  
Institute System

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
SMALL  
PARADIS J  
MATTHEWS K  
DUTREMBLE D

SUMMARY  
This bill adds the Commissioner of Labor as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System.

LD An Act to Clarify and Correct Errors and Omissions and to VETO  
2501 Improve the Laws Relating to Education SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ESTES  
SMALL  
RANDALL  
BOST

SUMMARY  
This bill is the Department of Educational and Cultural Services' omnibus bill to clarify and correct errors and omissions and to improve state education law. Several of the sections repeat provisions in last year's omnibus bill which was indefinitely postponed. The bill contains a section by section analysis in the Statement of Fact. The committee reviewed each section and proposed deleting several sections which were unnecessary and adding several new sections. In addition, a floor amendment to grandfather current