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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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certificate holders under the new education certification rules was approved in the House. That amendment was not approved in the Senate and led to appointment of a committee of conference.

The committee of conference report would have provided for a phase-in of the new certification requirements. Between July 1988 and July 1991, currently certified teachers, administrators and other education specialists whose certificates expire would be recertified under existing requirements. Educators seeking new certificates and master teacher certificates would be subject to the new certification requirements beginning in July 1988. After July 1, 1991, all educators would be subject to the new requirements. The amendment also provided for a detailed review and analysis of the certification laws to be coordinated by the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with the assistance of the State Board of Education, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the University of Maine System. The amendment also provided for a series of informational briefings to be conducted by the department to explain the new certification rules to educators.

The committee of conference report also deleted several sections of the original bill which are unnecessary at this time, applied the school approval process to vocational regions, provided that, for a superintendent's certificate to be revoked for hiring uncertified personnel, he or she must do so intentionally or knowingly and granted rule-making authority to the Maine Arts Commission.

The Governor vetoed the bill as amended by the committee of conference report, and the veto was not overridden.

LD An Act Relating to School Construction  
2504

PUBLIC  
803

SPONSOR(S)  
LAWRENCE  
CLARK N  
DAVIS  
NUTTING

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-573

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the current statutory debt ceiling limit for school construction projects of \$35 million and the percentage increase based on high demand contingencies and inflation. The ceiling and increase percentages are replaced by a table establishing an escalating debt service limit for fiscal years 1990-1992. For subsequent years, the debt service limit will be set by the Legislature during the preceding biennium. The bill also eliminates the current pay-as-you-go method of funding the State's share of school construction.

The committee amendment corrects the Fiscal Note.