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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 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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director. It also gave the Governor the authority to appoint a third member to the board of trustees qualified by experience in the field of investments and removed the trustee appointed by the other members of the board.

The amendment repealed and replaced the bill. It raised the directors salary one pay range and added a position of deputy director. It made the member now appointed by the board into a Governor's appointment but retained the stipulation that the individual be a representative of retired state or participating district employees.

LD An Act to Provide a Special Exemption to Bangor Pre-Release PUBLIC 2437 Center Employees for Service Retirement Benefits 670

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PERKINS	OTP		
BALDACCI			
GARLAND			

#### SUMMARY

The transfer of the Bangor Pre-Release Center from the Maine State Prison to the Charleston Correctional Facility changed the retirement benefits to which the employees of the Center were entitled. This bill grandfathers the present employees of the Center.

LD	An Act to Establish Disability Retirement Benefits for	LV/WD
2478	Members of the Maine State Retirement System (Reported	
	Pursuant to Public Law 1987, Chapter 68, Section 9)	EMERGENCY

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS	ADOPTED
	LV/WD			

#### SUMMARY

The bill would have revised the disability pension and rehabilitation provisions under the Retirement System. The System withdrew the bill and plans to work with constituent groups and come in with a revised bill in the future.

LD An Act to Clarify the Definition of Earnable Compensation INDEF PP 2502

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDM	ENTS ADOPTED
DELLERT	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-624	MAJ REP
	ONTP	MIN	S-420	CLARK
			H-686	CARTER
			S-445	BERUBE

#### SUMMARY

The bill would have changed the definition of earnable compensation particularly as it applied to teachers. It would have clearly eliminated various extra salary bonuses a teacher may be given at the end of their

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The committee amendment would have eliminated one provision of the bill restricting salary increases, for computing compensation for retirement purposes, to 10%. Senate Amendment A (S-420) would have allowed all payments received pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement in effect prior to September 1, 1988 to be included as salary. The House amendment (H-686) did the same thing but added an appropriation. Senate Amendment B (S-445) added an effective date of July 31, 1988 to the original bill.

LD An Act to Revise the Definition of Spouse Under the Maine PUBLIC 2511 State Retirement System 652

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
REEVES		
DOW		
DELLERT		-
HICKEY		
SUMMARY		

New Draft Of LD 2179

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The original bill changed the definition of spouse in the Retirement System Laws to include the individual a member was married to at the time of retirement. The new draft applied the definition members who were under special plans and eligible for a special survivor's benefit for their spouses. It also made it clear that if the member had remarried, a members spouse was the individual the member was married to at the time of death.

LD An Act to Ensure the Complete Payment of Health Insurance INDEF PP 2535 Premiums for Teachers over a Certain Age

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ALIBERTI			
CLARK M			
JALBERT			
CLARK N			

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2040

The intent of both the original bill and the new draft was to pay 100% of a retired teachers health insurance if the teacher was over 70 years of age, had 25 years of creditable service, and was a Maine resident. The new draft capped the state payment at the amount of the Medicare companion plan for retired teachers.

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