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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated as follows:

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| 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Education

LD 17 **An Act to Expand and Improve the School Year (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 110)**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill was part of the legislative recommendations of the Special Commission to Study Early Childhood Development and Education. The bill would have expanded the overall minimum length of the school year from 180 to at least 183 days. Both the current 175 instructional days and five in-service days held during the school year would have been maintained. In addition, the bill would have required that an additional 3 to 5 days be provided before the beginning of the school year for school-wide planning and professional staff development activities.

LD 18 **An Act Appropriating Funds to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for Early Childhood Education (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 110)**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM MAJ
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H-43 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This bill is one of the legislative recommendations of the Special Commission to Study Early Childhood Development and Education. It would have appropriated \$99,900 from the General Fund for the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to carry out several of the administrative recommendations of the commission.

The committee amendment provided for carrying the funds forward to the second year of the biennium.

The bill died on the Appropriations Table.

LD 38 **Resolve, Creating the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Children within State Government (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 110)**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve is one of the legislative recommendations of the Special Commission on Early Childhood Development and Education. It would have established the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Children within State Government. The Commission would be appointed by the Governor to study the programs and services for children currently provided by various state agencies and to evaluate the effectiveness with which those programs and services are provided. Following completion of its study, the commission would recommend whether a separate department should be established.