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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTES NORTON CROWLEY PARADIS J	OTP-AM	

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the 1st Regular Session. As amended in the 1st Regular Session, the bill would reimburse school administrative units for the costs of land purchases that are not made in conjunction with a school construction project. Reimbursement would only be permitted for purchases approved by the legislative body of the local unit and by the Commissioner of Education.

In the 2nd Regular Session, the Committee voted to recommend passage of the bill with the same amendment as in the 1st Regular Session. This amendment was Committee Amendment "B" (S-509) to the bill.

LD 365 An Act to Allow a Student an Option in Biological Dissection LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D ESTES ANDREWS KILKELLY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended, would have authorized students to refrain from participating in biological dissection and established a range of equivalent alternatives which schools would provide to students who exercised that option. The bill, with amendment, was favorably reported out of committee and enacted by both houses last session. However, it was not signed by the Governor before adjournment; and the Governor indicated he would veto it when the Legislature reconvened.

In January, the Legislature voted to recall the bill from the Governor's desk and it was reassigned to the Education Committee. In committee, a compromise solution was agreed on which resulted in the bill being withdrawn. The Commissioner of Education sent an advisory letter to each school superintendent outlining the right of students to refrain from dissection and giving examples of policies to be adopted locally which would protect that right.

LD 789 An Act to Create the Youth-at-Risk Alternative Education Program LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANTHONY CLARK N GILL PARADIS J	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have created the Youth-at-Risk Alternative Education Program to address middle school and high school truancy and dropout problems. The program would have consisted of a grant program to assist qualifying schools to plan for and to implement dropout prevention programs.