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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:

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.

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DUTREMBLE D  
ESTES  
BOST  
CROWLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a minimum number of days of class attendance for students to pass a class. Each school administrative unit would have established its own course attendance policy to have been approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The commissioner would have adopted guidelines for the school administrative units to follow in establishing their policies.

**LD 580 An Act Relating to the Establishment of Reserve Funds by  
School Administrative Units**

**PUBLIC 132**

SPONSOR(S)  
ESTES  
HANDY  
NORTON  
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-57

SUMMARY

School administrative districts are currently authorized by law to establish reserve funds for school construction projects by including a request in the district budget and receiving voter approval. Community school districts and vocational regions do not currently have authority under statute to establish similar funds. The bill adds statutory authorization for community school districts and vocational regions, and expands the existing authorization for school administrative districts. SADs would be permitted to have reserve funds for capital improvement projects and capital equipment acquisition as well as for construction projects.

The committee amendment (S-57) makes a technical correction in the terminology of the bill referring to cooperative boards of vocational regions.

**LD 581 An Act Guaranteeing Each School Administrative Unit a  
Minimum State Share of Operating Costs**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)  
MCCORMICK  
ESTY  
FOSS  
ROLDE

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill provides for a minimum state subsidy of 15% of a unit's operating cost allocation.

See LD 1439.