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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.

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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BOST	OTP-AM	S-215
ESTES		S-405 PEARSON
SMALL		
PERKINS		

SUMMARY

In the 1988 Regular Session, the Education Committee favorably reported out a bill that required the state to pay for costs of special education out-of-district placements above a ceiling established in the legislation. The bill was amended after it left the committee, to provide that the funds appropriated for the payments would be divided equally and paid to units on a per student basis, regardless of the costs paid by the unit. This bill restores the original intent of the bill approved by the Education Committee.

The bill provides that the state will pay 100% of the amount by which the costs for special education out-of-district placements exceed three times the secondary per pupil operating rate.

The committee amendment (S-215) provides that any unexpended funds for the hardship adjustment (20-A MRS §15612, sub-§6) may be used to fund this provision. The amendment limits the adjustment to amounts appropriated by the legislature but states legislative intent to fully fund the provision. The amendment also provides for an appropriation of \$4,592,000 in fiscal year 1990 and \$5,330,000 in fiscal year 1991, and makes a technical change to correct the enactment of two subsections 10 of section 15612 in 1987.

The Senate amendment (S-405) removes the appropriation and the statement of legislative intent to fully fund the provision.

LD 733 An Act Concerning Teacher Contracts

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HANDY	LV/WD	
RUHLIN		
OLIVER		
PARADIS J		

SUMMARY

This bill would have stated in statute teachers' rights to bargain over the terms of their voluntary transfer to vacancies within the school system. This bill would have been similar to the restoration of the rights to bargain just cause for the nonrenewal and dismissal of continuing contract teaching and the restoration of the right to bargain seniority, order of layoff, order of recall and severance pay.