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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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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-424

SUMMARY

The bill would have included units located in the unorganized territories under the statute requiring payment of a 5% minimum state education subsidy. The unorganized territory does not currently receive funding under the school finance formula.

The committee amendment (H-424) states legislative intent to include the unorganized territory in any future legislation enacting minimum subsidies, changes the title of the bill to more accurately reflect the fact that the unorganized territory is not to be considered a school administrative unit, but is to be included in minimum subsidies, and adds an appropriation and a fiscal note.

LD 1009 An Act to Revise the Truancy Laws

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the habitual truants portion of the compulsory attendance laws. It would have provided for a series of meetings between school officials and parents of a truant child to informally resolve truancy cases. Attendance at those meetings would have been enforceable by court order and failure to comply would have been punishable as a civil violation. The bill also provided for notification of DHS officials when a truancy hearing is scheduled. Under the bill, parents who violate truancy laws could have been reported to the DHS for child neglect.

The provisions of the bill relating to meetings between parents and school officials to informally resolve truancy cases was incorporated into the committee amendment to LD 187.

LD 1023 An Act to Provide Reimbursement to Municipalities for Most Costs of Special Education

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have required the state to pay 75% of a school administrative unit's special education costs, and to include the remaining 25% of costs in the program allocation under the School Finance Act, to be reimbursed as all special education costs are currently reimbursed.