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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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determination of courses eligible for the grants. It also established the teacher salary grants as a state-funded program outside the School Finance Act and permitted the introduction of additional issues in collective bargaining over the use of the grants. Finally, the amendment clarified that the instructional grants were state-funded for 3 years and directed the DECS to report on how they should be funded after that.

This bill was carried over by the Appropriations Committee.

**LD 1078      An Act Concerning the Construction of Portable Classrooms**

**PUBLIC 466**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TITCOMB	OTP-AM	S-241
MARSTON		
BURKE		
KANY		

SUMMARY

Under current law, school units are eligible for state subsidy for some portion of their expenditures to lease portable, temporary classrooms. No subsidy is paid for the purchase or construction of portable classrooms. The bill makes the costs of purchasing or constructing portable, temporary classrooms eligible for subsidy. The bill also requires the commissioner to develop guidelines for schools to set up programs to build portable classrooms as part of the school curriculum.

The committee amendment (S-241) removes the provision requiring the department to establish guidelines for schools to develop programs to build portable classrooms. The amendment also clarifies that portable classroom purchases do not fall under the school construction approval process.

**LD 1096      An Act to Better Incorporate Vocational Education into High School Graduation Requirements**

**PUBLIC 230**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITCOMB	OTP	
SMALL		
CROWLEY		
ESTES		

SUMMARY

This bill expands the list of high school graduation requirements a student may satisfy through the vocational school curriculum. Previously, vocational students could, with the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, satisfy the second-year math, science and social studies diploma requirements through a separate or integrated course within the vocational school curriculum. This bill adds the fine arts diploma requirements to the list. This bill also corrects the reference to the second-year social studies requirements for high school students.