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114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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ON  
EDUCATION

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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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coverage for authority employees; revised the makeup and appointing process of the authority board of trustees; changed the appointment process and compensation for the executive director of the authority; established a requirement for annual reports to the Legislature on the various student financial aid programs; made changes in the MSISP statute to clarify definitions, eligibility, determination of need and distribution of scholarship provisions; amended the existing Blaine House Scholars law to include students who are Maine residents and who graduated from an out-of-state high school; and provided for the retention of state employment benefits for all state employees transferred to the new authority.

Committee amendment "C" (unanimous compromise committee report) replaces the original bill and strikes out the old title and inserts in its place 'An Act to Provide Comprehensive, Consolidated Student Financial Assistance Services'. This amendment establishes the framework for student financial aid services under the umbrella of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) and sets up a transition advisory committee to advise the Legislature, the Governor and FAME on the transition to a comprehensive, consolidated student financial assistance program. This amendment also makes several changes in the MSISP statute, in addition to those of the original bill, to clarify definitions, eligibility, determination of need and distribution of scholarship provisions as in the original majority and minority reports. The advisory committee shall submit a written report, including a plan for implementing a comprehensive, coordinated student financial aid program and necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, the Governor and FAME not later than September 15, 1989. Following release of the advisory committee report, the Joint Standing Committee on Education shall introduce legislation to any special session or, if no special session is held, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature to fully implement a plan for the transfer and operation of the student financial aid services program. Not later than January 10, 1990, the 114th Legislature shall enact legislation to complete implementation of the student financial aid services program.

**LD 1188      An Act to Create a Coalition Drug Education Program      LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RICHARDS	LV/WD	
GILL		
FOSS		
PEARSON		

SUMMARY

This bill would have created the Coalition Drug Education Program which would have been administered by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Education Services. The program was designed to address drug and alcohol trafficking and use among school-age children by making available grants to local law enforcement officers working with school administrative units to develop education and prevention programs. These grants would have been used for a number of school-based prevention and education efforts.

**LD 1193      An Act Relating to Historic and Archaeological Preservation      PUBLIC 171**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ESTES	OTP-AM	S-102
SMALL		
FOSTER		
PARADIS J		

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the authority of municipalities to enter into preservation agreements with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, requires a permit for excavation at sites protected by a preservation

agreement executed by municipalities and makes unauthorized excavation at those sites unlawful. This bill also authorizes the Attorney General to seek a restoration order against a person who unlawfully excavates any protected archaeological site. The committee amendment clarifies the definitions of "landowner" and "owner" in the original bill.

**LD 1212 An Act to Increase Educational Opportunities for Economically and Educationally Disadvantaged Residents**

**INDEF PP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BOST ESTES CROWLEY SMALL	OTP-AM	S-174

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the "Raising Educational Aspirations and Choices in Higher Education" program or Project REACH which expands the existing Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services programs. These programs, which provide grants and contracts to qualified individuals from culturally, physically or financially disadvantaged backgrounds who are preparing for or pursuing post-secondary education, are currently funded to serve less than 5% of the eligible population in this state. Project REACH would have addressed this situation by increasing funds to each of these three programs.

The committee amendment amends the appropriation clause to provide a position and funding for the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to administer Project REACH for 1989-90 and 1990-91. The amendment also specifies how the Project REACH funds are to be distributed among the Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services Programs.

**LD 1226 An Act to Assure Access to Nutrition Programs for Kindergarten and Part-day Students**

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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KILKELLY HOLLOWAY HANDY ESTES		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required public schools in which 40% or more of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price meals to provide kindergarten and other part-day students a meal that meets the requirements of the National Breakfast Program. Under current law, the program is made available when an especially needy school, designated as one in which 50% or more of the children in attendance are eligible for free or reduced price meals under federal regulations, determines in a public hearing that there is parental interest in participating in the program.