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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

The committee amendment replaces the original bill and revises the management and governing structure under which services for at-risk 0-5 year olds will be coordinated. The Child Development Services System is created to coordinate those services. The system consists of the ICCPHC, the local coordinating committee and local site employees. The ICCPHC will serve as the governing body of the system and the ICCPHC executive director is responsible for the daily activities of the system. The membership of the ICCPHC is clarified and the selection process changed to ensure representation by local coordinating committees. The ICCPHC and representatives of the local coordinating committees are to report to the Education Committee by February, 1990 on the implementation of this Act.

**LD 1416 An Act to Provide for Local School District Support for Vocational Centers**

**LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CONLEY OLIVER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required school units which participate in secondary vocational centers to develop a cooperative agreement on sharing costs and delineating the powers and duties of the advisory committee composed of the superintendents from participating districts. Under present law, such agreements are allowed but not required. If the districts had been unable to arrive at an agreement, the Department of Education and Cultural Services would have specified the terms of the agreement which would have been patterned after agreements used by other vocational centers or regions and computed on a per student basis.

**LD 1439 An Act to Provide a Minimum Level of State Educational Funding for Schools**

**ONTP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KILKELLY BREWER ESTES LIBBY	OTP-AM	H-517

SUMMARY

Each school administrative unit is currently guaranteed to receive a state education subsidy equal to at least 5% of the foundation per pupil operating rate, multiplied by the number of students in the unit. This guaranteed minimum number is compared to the state subsidy paid to the unit under any category of costs: operating, program, or debt service. The bill would have calculated the guaranteed minimum in the same way, but would have compared that number only to the state subsidy payable as part of the operating cost allocation.

The committee amendment (H-517) guarantees a minimum equal to 5% of the operating cost allocation, and compares that 5% minimum to the amount of state subsidy payable to the unit as the state share of the operating cost allocation, excluding the hold harmless payment. If the unit's state share of operating costs is less than 5%, the unit would receive, as an adjustment to its total allocation, the difference between the state share of operating costs and 5% of its operating costs.

The bill was carried over by the Appropriations Committee.