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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. 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                |

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**LD 1439**

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

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

KILKELLY  
BREWER  
ESTES  
LIBBY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 1439 was carried over from the 1st Regular Session. As amended by the committee during the 1st Regular Session, the bill would have changed the way the 5% minimum allocation was calculated.

**LD 1564**

**Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine**

**RESOLVE 88  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

BOST  
ESTES  
CROWLEY  
NORTON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1021 KILKELLY  
H-1096 CROWLEY  
S-593

**SUMMARY**

This bill was recalled from last session's dead files and committed to the Education Committee. The bill establishes a special commission to study and evaluate educational reform in Maine since 1984, including teacher and administrator certification, the Education Reform Act and the minimum teacher salary law.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-593) makes several changes in the resolve to clarify the makeup and duties of the Special Commission. The membership is increased from 18 to 19 members; the appointment process is changed; and provision is made for a chair and co-chair. The amendment also makes it clear that funding for the study must be from non-state funds and authorizes the Legislative Council to seek and administer any funds acquired.

House Amendment "A" (H-1021) makes a technical correction in the date on which the Special Commission is to convene.

House Amendment "A" to the Committee Amendment (H-1096) changes the appointment method for certain members of the commission.

**LD 1805**

**An Act Concerning Geographic Isolation Grants**

**PUBLIC 697**

**SPONSOR(S)**

SKOGLUND  
MILLS  
MARTIN J  
COLLINS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-806 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

LD 1805 specifies the method for determining the amount of geographic isolation adjustment grants for isolated school administrative units. The amount of the adjustment is equal to the difference between the unit's actual per pupil expenditures and the average statewide per pupil expenditure.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-806), the Committee's majority report, replaces the original bill. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to determine geographic