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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

**LD 1518 An Act Relating to Professionalization of Attendance
Officers**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BRAWN

ONTP

HANDY

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a program of 2 year grants of up to \$25,000 to school units to combat truancy by establishing the full-time position of attendance office. See LD 1622 for related provision.

**LD 1532 An Act to Require Preadmission and Post-Graduation
Assessment Exams for University of Maine System Students**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

FOSS

ONTP

SMALL

CROWLEY

GILL

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the implementation of a student assessment system in the University of Maine System by the 1990-91 school year. The Board of Trustees of the System would have developed a method to ensure the entry-level, graduation and post-graduation assessment of students. The Board of Trustees would have submitted a report, including guidelines and recommendations necessary to the implementation of the student assessment system, and any necessary implementing legislation to the Legislature on or before December 1, 1989.

**LD 1564 Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study and
Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BOST

OTP-AM

S-266

ESTES

CROWLEY

NORTON

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a special commission to study and evaluate educational reform in Maine since 1984, including teacher and administrator certification, the Educational Reform Act and the minimum teacher salary law.

The committee amendment proposed several technical changes to clarify the makeup and duties of the commission.

The bill did not receive funding on the Appropriations Table.