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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.

LD 1569 An Act Concerning the Teaching of Cosmetology

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> MANNING PARADIS J KILKELLY <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP-AM AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-583

SUMMARY

The original bill would have required that the secondary-level vocational centers in the state and the Maine Vocational-Technical System provide instruction in the field of cosmetology. The original bill would have also provided that persons receiving the same amount of instruction in such programs as is now required for private cosmetology schools be deemed to have met the training requirement for licensure as cosmetologists by the State Board of Cosmetology.

The committee amendment strikes out the provisions in the original bill requiring vocational-technical institutes and vocational centers and regions to offer programs in cosmetology, and instead requires the Board of Trustees of the Vocational-Technical Institute System to study whether the system should offer a program to train students for employment in cosmetology.

LD 1618	An Act to Facilitate Collaboration Among School Agencies and	INDEF PP
Community Leaders Working on Behalf of At-risk Children		

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SMALL	OTP-AM	H-519
FOSS		
ESTES		
PARADIS J		

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a 3-site pilot project for early intervention for children between the ages of 5 and 13 who are at-risk of dropping out. The pilots were to be developed collaboratively by local school units and the communities in which they are located. A 2-year evaluation and report to the Legislature was included in the bill.

The committee amendment would have clarified the definition of "children at-risk' in the bill, added the development of transition from preschool to public school programs as an objective of the pilots and made several technical changes in the bill.

The bill failed to receive funding on the Appropriations Table.

LD 1622	An Act to Ensure Regular Attendance for All Maine School	INDEF PP
	Children	

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY	OTP-AM	H–555
WEYMOUTH		
NUTTING		

SUMMARY

NORTON

This bill proposed to amend the truancy laws in several ways. It would have allowed judges to impose court penalties, including community service, on habitual truants and to order parents of truants to

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bring their children to school and remain there with them. The bill also would have made habitual truancy by a student prima facie evidence of parental child neglect.

The committee amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment establishes 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 coordinator.

LD 1625 An Act to Authorize a Cooperative Agreement for the PUBLIC 540 Construction and Operation of a Vocational Center Located in EMERGENCY School Administrative District No. 33

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS J	OTP-AM	H-482
MCHENRY		
THERIAULT		
MARTIN H		

SUMMARY

This bill permits School Administrative District No. 27, School Administrative District No. 33 and the Madawaska School Department to enter into a cooperative agreement which would provide for the construction of a new vocational center. The committee amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill which states that increases in future program costs that result from this bill will be subsidized through the General Purpose Aid for Local School Accounts beginning in fiscal year 1993-94. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services, under the School Finance Act of 1985, will reimburse the affected school systems for the additional vocational program costs in fiscal year 1993-94, assuming these costs were incurred in fiscal year 1991-92.

LD 1668	An Act to Authorize the Blue Hill School Committee to Enter	PUBLIC 474
	into Long-term Leases of Land and Buildings for School	
	Purposes	

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PERKINS	OTP-AM	S-245
FOSTER		

<u>SUMMARY</u>

This bill authorized the school committee of the Town of Blue Hill to lease, on a long-term basis, the existing site of the Blue Hill Consolidated School and up to 20 acres of additional adjacent land. This additional land was needed to provide an adequate site for a proposed school construction project. The committee amendment removed the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.