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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**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
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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isolation for individual schools, rather than for school administrative units, sets forth the factors that must be considered in determining whether a school is geographically isolated, and requires the commissioner to adopt rules to set forth specific eligibility standards and rules for calculating the amount of the adjustment. These rules must establish a point system that takes into account all factors affecting schools without eliminating a school on the basis of a single factor.

The minority report was "ought not to pass."

LD 1841 An Act Relating to the Town of York School District

**P & S 104
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTES	OTP-AM	S-514

SUMMARY

LD 1841 amends the charter of the Town of York School District as it relates to responsibility of the Trustees of the School District for minor capital costs and ongoing maintenance of school property and facilities. The bill authorizes the trustees of the Town of York School District to issue a certain amount of bonds or notes for minor capital purposes to renovate the existing elementary school, without a referendum. The bill takes effect when approved for the purpose of submitting it to the voters for acceptance and takes effect for all purposes immediately upon acceptance by the voters. The bill also corrects outdated references to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-514) adds a fiscal note and clarifies that the Town of York School District is not responsible for minor capital costs related to facilities that are not school facilities.

**LD 1888 An Act Concerning Financial Accountability of Schools
Approved for Tuition Purposes**

PUBLIC 615

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTES	OTP-AM	S-471

SUMMARY

LD 1888 requires that private schools approved for tuition purposes file an annual audit with the State Auditor. Previously, more detailed budget information was collected from each private school approved for tuition purposes and included in the annual report on school budgets of the Commissioner of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-471) clarifies that such detailed reports are no longer required and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1895 An Act to Permit Changes in the Charter of the City of
Ellsworth School District**

P & S 138

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PERKINS	OTP-AM	S-531
FOSTER		S-720 PEARSON
ESTES		
GILL		

SUMMARY

LD 1895 amends the charter of the City of Ellsworth School District to increase the maximum allowable total indebtedness of the district from \$1,400,000 to \$5,000,000.