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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

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)
ESTES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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)
ESTES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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)
PERKINS
FOSTER
ESTES
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-531
S-720 PEARSON

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-531) adds a second charter amendment permitting the City of Ellsworth to assume all the obligations of the City of Ellsworth School District and to dissolve that district if voters of the city vote to do so. The amendment adds a referendum clause providing that neither charter change will become effective until approved by a majority of the voters of the city. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-720) to the Committee Amendment deems the proposed renovation of the Ellsworth High School to be a school construction project as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 609 and removes the fiscal note. Including the renovation project in the school construction approval process requires the project to compete with other school construction projects, for a fixed amount of funds, thereby removing any fiscal impact of the bill.

LD 1951 An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Postgraduate Education in LV/WD
the Field of Medicine

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PERKINS	LV/WD	
BOST		
SMALL		
CROWLEY		

SUMMARY

LD 1951 would have extended the repayment period for students who have received state contracts for tuition payment for postgraduate education in medicine. The bill would have changed the repayment schedule from not more than 10 equal annual installments to not more than 20 equal annual installments for students entering the repayment period on or after October 1, 1989. The provisions of this bill were incorporated into the Committee Amendment to LD 2216.

LD 1952 Resolve, to Extend the Deadline of the Blue Ribbon Task RESOLVE 64
Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the EMERGENCY
Public School System

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-472
HANDY		
FARNUM		
ESTES		

SUMMARY

LD 1952 extends the reporting deadline for the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System from December 1, 1989 to January 30, 1990.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-472) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.