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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
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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Local coordinating committees to the 115th Legislature. Instead, this amendment permits the Child Development Services System to present recommendations and legislation regarding these two items as well as regarding the status of collective bargaining negotiations for the system in its 1991 annual report.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-723) to Committee Amendment "A" removes the language requiring special education services in addition to those required by federal law so that the state law requires only those services mandated by federal law. This amendment also amends the fiscal note.

LD 2084 **An Act to Strengthen Drug Abuse Services for Children of School Age**

PUBLIC 708

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WEBSTER M SMALL MACBRIDE RANDALL	OTP-AM	H-840

SUMMARY

LD 2084 authorizes a school superintendent to require a student found using illegal drugs or alcohol on school grounds to attend a substance abuse program offered by the school. The superintendent may request the student's parents to attend the program with their child and may compel their attendance by obtaining a court order.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-840) replaces the original bill, but retains the option of requiring students found using illegal drugs or alcohol on school grounds to attend a substance abuse program offered by the school. The amendment clarifies that the services are to be diagnostic, educational or supportive in nature and that, where required, participation is to be based on written school procedures, policies and rules. The parents or guardians of a student required to participate in such services are to be notified and may be requested to participate in the program.

LD 2138 **An Act to Amend and Improve the Education Laws of Maine**

PUBLIC 911

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL ESTES NORTON HANDY	OTP-AM	H-1134 CARTER S-534

SUMMARY

LD 2138 is the department's omnibus bill. It would have provided for a Bureau of Administration and for an associate commissioner for that bureau within the department. It would have restored the local matching requirement for existing early childhood education plans grants programs that was eliminated last session in the expectation of additional funds. It extends to the families of home-schooled students the same general protection against disclosure enjoyed by the families of public school students. It would have required selected schools to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress Program beginning in school year 1991. It corrects a cross-reference. It broadens the eligibility for a Blaine House Scholarship. It provides for the proration of tuition rates for programs for students in long-term day treatment centers if the program is approved to operate beyond the 180-day school year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-534) deletes sections of the original bill that proposed to establish a Bureau of Administration, require participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress Program and require matching participation by local school units in early childhood plans grants programs instituted last year. The amendment makes technical changes to clarify the provisions in the original bill applying