

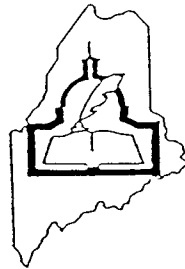
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 2218      An Act to Require School Transportation for High School Students**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**

BEGLEY  
HOLLOWAY  
KILKELLY  
ESTES

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 2218 would have required municipalities that are members of school unions to provide transportation to school for secondary school students. Current law requires municipalities that are members of school unions to provide transportation to and from school only for their elementary school students. The Committee found that all but a handful of municipalities already provide transportation for their high school students. The bill was withdrawn because of its high cost, because the small number of towns which are not providing transportation did not seem to warrant a state mandate at this time, and because there are voluntary alternatives available to provide such transportation.

**LD 2245      An Act to Rehabilitate Public School Facilities Necessitated by the Removal of Hazardous Materials**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**

PERKINS  
ESTES  
HIGGINS  
MACOMBER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 2245 would have provided state financial assistance to public schools to meet the rehabilitation costs incurred as a result of conforming with federal and state rules and regulations regarding the removal of hazardous wastes. The financial assistance formula would have been given in accordance with a formula based on the local tax burden.

Reimbursement for these costs is included in the Committee Amendment to LD 83.

**LD 2261      An Act to Include Income as a Measure of the Ability to Pay in the Education Funding Formula**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**

FOSS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 2261 would have amended the education funding formula to require that the personal income of residents in a school administrative unit be taken into consideration in determining the ability of the unit to fund education. The current formula measures a unit's ability to pay for education only on the basis of its property value. This bill would have added a second adjustment to the property value of each unit, under which the value would have been multiplied by a ratio comparing the per capita income of the county in which a unit is located with the state average per capita income. This would have lowered state valuation of units in counties with below-average income to reflect their lesser ability to pay, and thus would have resulted in greater state education funding. This bill also would have required the Department of Education to report annually to the Legislature the numbers used in adjusting valuation.