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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	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.

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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MAHANY	ONTP MAJ	
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MIN	
LUDWIG		
DUTREMBLE D		

**SUMMARY**

LD 2318 would have altered the application of the Maine Secondary School Principals Association's "eight semester rule," which provides that a public school student is only eligible to participate in interscholastic sports for 8 consecutive semesters following the date on which the student begins secondary school. As a result of this rule, a student who transfers to a public school from a home school program would be ineligible for sports if he or she had spent 4 years in a home school after reaching high school starting age, even if the public school determines that the student is only a sophomore or junior for academic purposes. This bill would have prohibited schools from subtracting from the period of eligibility a number of semesters greater than the number of semesters of academic credit the person receives for attending a home school.

The committee minority report (H-903) recommended passage of the bill with one minor wording change.

**LD 2327**      **Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, chapter 3)**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2327 would have established the Task Force on Life-long Learning and Educational Choice. The Task Force would have been composed of 13 members including representatives of the Legislature and public members only some of whom may be employees of the State. The Task Force would have studied teacher training, curriculum development and facilities planning and would have proposed a comprehensive integration of the various parts of our educational system and the means of meeting life-long learning opportunities in the State. The Task Force would have submitted its report together with any implementing legislation to the Legislature by December 1, 1991. This and several other pieces of legislation were withdrawn at the request of the Task Force.

**LD 2333**      **An Act to Provide Greater Opportunities for Orphans and Foster Children**

**PUBLIC 916**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-1010
BERUBE		S-731 PEARSON
FOSS		
RIDLEY		

**SUMMARY**

LD 2333 would have required the State to reimburse school administrative units for the tuition and transportation costs of students who are state wards.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1010) replaces the original bill. It requires the State, beginning in fiscal year 1991-92, to reimburse school administrative units for the education and transportation costs of