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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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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LD 2318 An Act Regarding Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAHANY	ONTP MAJ	
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MIN	
LUDWIG		
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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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

students who are state wards living in residential child care facilities that provide long-term care to 6 or more state wards. The amendment also requires the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services to assess the implementation of this amendment and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by December 1, 1992.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-731) to Committee Amendment "A" replaces part of the Committee Amendment and authorizes the Commissioner of Education to designate one residential child care facility providing long-term care for 6 or more children who are in the custody of the Department of Human Services as a pilot project in lieu of reimbursing all school administrative units. Beginning in school year 1991-92, this pilot project will then be compensated for education and transportation costs for qualifying state wards up to a total annual cost of \$30,000.

LD 2336 An Act to Establish Uniform Hiring Practices for Educational Administrator Positions Requiring Certification (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1989, Chapter 55) ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 2336 is a minority report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System, pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 55. The bill would have required the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules governing a uniform hiring procedure for public school administrators. Rules would have been approved by the Maine Human Rights Commission and the Joint Standing Committee on Education. Once adopted, this procedure would have been binding for all public school systems.

LD 2342 An Act to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in Administrative Positions in the Public School System (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1989, Chapter 55) PUBLIC 889

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-974 S-714 PEARSON

SUMMARY

LD 2342 is the majority report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System, pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 55. The bill establishes a series of measures to implement nondiscriminatory hiring practices for school administrators, intensify monitoring of compliance with existing sex discrimination prohibitions and promote greater awareness of gender equity issues among school administrators. The bill also directs the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education to develop a financial incentives program designed to increase the number of qualified female school administrators. The bill requires the Maine Human Rights Commission to report annually to the Governor, the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Education on the status of efforts to promote gender equity in the public school system.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-974) makes several technical changes to clarify the intent and carry out the purpose of the original bill. The amendment also adds a fiscal note and an appropriation section to provide for the additional staffing needs of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-714) to Committee Amendment "A" removes the reporting requirements, corrects references to the Maine Commission for Women, deletes the appropriation and amends the fiscal note.