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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 252**An Act to Change the Minimum Reimbursement for Education to the Unorganized Territories****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
 ANDERSON
 PEARSON
 COLLINS

COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have included the unorganized territory in the minimum state allocation under the school funding formula.

LD 258**An Act to Provide for a Student Member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System****PUBLIC 20
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
 HANDY
 O'DEA
 OLIVER
 MCCORMICK

COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 H-35

SUMMARY

The original bill provided for a student member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System with full voting rights. The bill also made a technical correction to the number of ex officio members presently on the board.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) made several changes to the original bill, including addition of an emergency preamble, transition language and an emergency clause to permit immediate selection of the first student trustee; reduced the student trustee term of office from 4 years to 2 years; added a provision requiring that nominations be submitted to the President of the Maine Technical College System for transmittal to the Governor by January 1st of every 2nd year; added a provision covering the transfer of a student trustee from one campus to another during the student's term of office and added a fiscal note.

LD 283**An Act to Provide Due Process in Employment Decisions Affecting Public School Principals****PUBLIC 556**

SPONSOR(S)
 NORTON
 LUDWIG
 MURPHY
 MORRISON

COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 H-108

SUMMARY

This bill establishes in statute for the first time a process for hiring, firing during the term of a contract and not renewing the contract of school principals. The process established in the original bill is designed to provide basic due process protection to principals in employment actions and is patterned closely after the process currently in statute governing teacher employment.

The amendment replaces the original bill and establishes an initial hiring process for principals consisting of nomination by the superintendent and approval by the school board. It requires that a principal's employment contract be in writing and for a term not to exceed 3 years. The amendment further requires the school board to notify an experienced principal by March 1st and a first or 2nd year