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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 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>

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principal by April 1st in the year in which the principal's employment contract expires whether or not the contract will be renewed. Failure to notify the principal results in a forfeiture payment by the school unit to a principal. If a principal is notified of the intent not to renew the contract, the principal may request a hearing before the school board on that decision. The amendment also provides that a principal may be dismissed by the school board during the term of a contract for cause or when local conditions warrant elimination of the principal's position.

LD 286 **An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of the Quality Incentive Adjustment Allocation** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) REED G	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The quality incentive adjustment allocation provision of the School Finance Act of 1985 was implemented for the purpose of encouraging local units to provide quality programs for their students. The determination of eligibility is based on the unit's per pupil operating costs exceeding the foundation per pupil operating rate by a fixed percentage. This bill would have altered the method of calculating the quality incentive adjustment under the school funding formula by removing the requirement that 1/2 of the difference between a unit's base year operating cost and the operating allocation in the year of allocation be multiplied by the unit's state share percentage.

LD 291 **An Act to Amend the Student Incentive Scholarship Program** **PUBLIC 582**

SPONSOR(S) GOODRIDGE HANDY ESTES	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-53
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SUMMARY

For purposes of the Student Incentive Scholarship Program, this bill changed the definition of "institution of higher education" to include any institution of higher education in any state in the United States. It permitted eligible postsecondary education students from this State to participate in the student incentive scholarship program at an eligible institution in any other state in the country.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53) restored the provision of current law, removed by the original bill, that restricted eligibility to institutions of higher learning in those states with which this State has a reciprocal agreement, extended eligibility to those states that permit portability and defined "portability."

LD 306 **An Act to Increase the Minimum Age to Enter School** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) AULT	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have raised the school entrance age by 4 1/2 months—requiring a child to be 5 by May 31 in order to enter kindergarten in the following September. Corresponding increases in the minimum entrance age were proposed for entrance to a 2-year early childhood public school program and to the 1st grade.