

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>PUBLIC XXX</b>                 | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>                              |
| <b>P&amp;S XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>               |
| <b>RESOLVE XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>                                 |
| <b>CON RES XXX</b>                | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| <b>EMERGENCY</b>                  | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>                 |
| <b>CARRIED OVER</b>               | <i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>                             |
| <b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b> | <i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                                  |
| <b>ONTP</b>                       | <i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>                            |
| <b>LVWD</b>                       | <i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>                            |
| <b>INDEF PP</b>                   | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>                                  |
| <b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>        | <i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>                       |
| <b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>             | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>               |
| <b>UNSIGNED</b>                   | <i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>                        |
| <b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>        | <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 326**

**An Act to Allow Spouses of School Board Members to Work for the Same School District**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLARK H  
HANDY  
OLIVER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the prohibition on a school board member or board member's spouse being employed full-time by a school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which the board member is elected.

**LD 342**

**An Act to Revise the Composition of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MAHANY  
HANDY  
KILKELLY  
MCCORMICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have revised the composition of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to include 2 teaching faculty members and an additional student member. Geographical delineation would have been included as a requirement in appointing the teaching faculty and student members.

**LD 366**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for a Study of the Effectiveness of Education Reform in Maine**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BOST  
ESTES  
CROWLEY  
HANDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-286  
S-470 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have appropriated \$75,000 to the Special Commission to Study and Evaluate the Status of Education Reform in Maine to complete its study responsibilities.

The Committee Amendment (S-286) replaces the bill by redefining the study charge to the commission and changing the reporting dates for the final and interim reports. The amendment also authorizes the use of state funds to carry out the study and deappropriates about \$9000 from the account of the completed Student Financial Aid Transition Advisory Committee Study to carry out the reform assessment study.

The Senate Amendment (S-470) would have changed the reporting date of the Special Commission, required Legislative Council approval of funding sources and provided for no staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.