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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>

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.

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-356 MAJ REP
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MIN	S-436 BRANNIGAN
PARADIS J		
CLEVELAND		

SUMMARY

Under current law, school administrative units receive a 1/2 student subsidy for each home school student. However, home school students may participate in school programs only with the explicit approval of school authorities.

This bill would have provided access for home school students to curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities at the school administrative unit within whose jurisdiction they reside. In return for a full subsidy for the school administrative unit, this bill provided an opportunity for full participation in curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular activities by a home school student.

The Committee Amendment (H-356) majority report replaces the bill and eliminates the state subsidy to public schools for home school students living in the school administrative unit. It also relieves the school board of the responsibility to review and formulate recommendations on each application for home schooling submitted by a family living in the school unit. Although the school board will continue to receive notice of the filing of an application and of the department's decision on the application, the school board is not required to participate in the application process. This amendment takes effect on July 1, 1992.

See also LD's 663, 888 and 904 on home schooling issues.

LD 839 An Act to Ensure Early Intervention Services to Eligible Special Needs Children from 3 to 5 Years of Age

UNSIGNED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANTHONY	OTP-AM	H-615
BRAWN		S-447 BRANNIGAN
CROWLEY		
AULT		

SUMMARY

This bill expands the eligibility for special education services for preschool children. Special education services now available to preschool handicapped children from 3 to 5 years of age will be made available to preschool handicapped children from birth to 5 years of age. In implementing this bill, the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handicapped Children is directed to define eligibility and the array of services provided so that the total cost is the same as before the expansion of the targeted age group.

The Committee Amendment (H-615) deletes provisions regarding adoption of rules defining eligibility for special education services from the bill and adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.

The Senate Amendment (S-447) replaced the committee amendment and amended the title of the bill. The amendment deletes that portion of the bill that expanded eligibility for services for children from birth to 3 years of age with handicaps. The amendment also replaced the appropriation section and appropriated \$700,000 for services delivered on or after October 1, 1991.