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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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

Joint Standing Committee on Education

LD 128 **An Act Concerning Federal Impact Aid for Education** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTES PINES CLARK N LAWRENCE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided a different method of reducing the state subsidy to school administrative units that receive federal impact aid. It would have allowed each unit to retain federal impact aid to cover costs above the subsidized amounts and subtracted any additional amounts from the state subsidy of the unit. Current law requires local units to subtract from the state subsidy an amount equal to the impact aid received, multiplied by a ratio equal to subsidizable costs in the base year divided by all costs in the base year.

LD 1088 **An Act to Amend the School Finance Laws** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SIMPSON ESTES HANDY CAHILL M	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the first session of the 115th Legislature as a vehicle for a number of concepts that would have made changes in the school funding laws. Because of budget restraints during the second session of the 115th Legislature, the bill was killed in committee at the end of the 2nd session.

The original bill would have advanced the dates by which the Commissioner of Education must notify school boards of their annual allocations of general purpose aid. It would also have allowed the Legislature to increase appropriations, but prohibit any decrease in appropriations, after the initial allocations have been determined.

LD 1252 **An Act to Amend and Improve the Laws Relating to Education** **PUBLIC 655
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRAWN BARTH O'GARA	OTP-AM	H-918 KILKELLY S-552 ESTES

SUMMARY

This bill is the department's omnibus bill; it:

1. Changes the name of high school equivalency certificates to high school equivalency diplomas to be consistent with federal statutes;