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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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:

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 1452

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the History, Status, Impact and Role of Independent Higher Education in Maine

RESOLVE 44

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N	OTP-AM MAJ	S-180 MAJ REP
GWADOSKY	ONTP MIN	S-377 CLARK N
CROWLEY		
FOSTER		

SUMMARY

This resolve established the Commission to Study the History, Status, Impact and Role of Independent Higher Education in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-180) changed the membership of the Commission by clarifying that one member of the Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives shall represent the legislature on the commission. The amendment broadened the category of business, education or community leaders to include labor leaders. The amendment also added an allocation section and a fiscal note, which clarified that General Fund expenditures are prohibited.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-377) to Committee Amendment "A" amended the resolve by making any proposal for outside funding and any contract to hire a consultant subject to review and approval by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The amendment also added language that gives the Legislative Council the authority to disapprove a funding source if there is a risk that accepting the funds will cause undue influence on the study.

LD 1511 An Act to Provide for Discipline of Exceptional Students with Behavior Problems

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MURPHY	ONTP	
ESTES		
CARPENTER		
FARNUM		

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed school official programs greater latitude to suspend exceptional students for unacceptable behavior when hearings are not required by law. It was intended to supersede departmental regulations on that subject.

LD 1544 An Act to Amend the School Finance Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEPBURN	ONTP	
WATERMAN		
NASH		

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that if a school administrative district's budget is not approved by July 1st, the district's budget for the preceding year would become the approved budget of the current year.