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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>

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-658

SUMMARY

The original bill was a general recodification of the laws relating to adult and secondary vocational education administered under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education. The bill eliminated numerous errors, ambiguities, undefined terms, inconsistent terms, and references to repealed laws from the current versions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapters 313 and 315.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-658) clarified the original intent of the bill and made numerous additional technical changes.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-308
S-426 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

The original bill amended the laws regarding Educational Programs of the Finance Authority of Maine. The bill clarified the intent regarding eligibility for student incentive scholarships; provided incentives for professional providers to practice in the State; reduced the residency requirements for a Blaine House Scholarship from 5 years to one year and corrected several inconsistencies in the law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-308) authorized the Finance Authority of Maine to implement a new Higher Education Loan Program. The Higher Education Loan Program was designed to provide a source of financial assistance for students who have exhausted all other sources of financial aid and still face an unmet need in meeting the costs of higher education. The amendment established the Higher Education Loan Program to provide a source of loan funds to students to help pay for the costs of education. The amendment established a bond issue of \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the Higher Education Loan Program.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-352) to Committee Amendment "A" clarified that any future bond funds and principal repayments may only be used for student loans and may not be used to fund administrative costs of the Finance Authority of Maine. The amendment removes the provision authorizing issuance of bonds to finance the Higher Education Loan Program.