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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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

5. Established the confidentiality of pupil records except in limited circumstances; and
6. Established a criminal penalty for knowing violation of the Act.

LD 1745 An Act Concerning the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program

PUBLIC 573

SPONSOR(S) AULT BUTLAND HANDY	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-444
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SUMMARY

The original bill required the Finance Authority of Maine to allocate at least 5% of Maine Student Incentive Scholarship funds to part-time students with a priority for students who have successfully completed a general educational development examination or its equivalent.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-444) replaced the original bill. The amendment authorized allocation of up to, rather than at least, 5% of Maine Student Incentive Scholarship funds to part-time students, authorized the Finance Authority of Maine to determine eligibility criteria by rule and eliminated the preference for students who have completed a general educational development examination. It also removed the emergency preamble and emergency clause and added a fiscal note.

LD 1759 An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Cost-sharing Formula for School Administrative Districts

PUBLIC 379

SPONSOR(S) MARSANO BRAWN NASH BARTH	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-445
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SUMMARY

The original bill provided an alternate plan for sharing the costs of operating a school administrative district. The plan would be initiated by a vote of the school board and approved by district referendum.

The bill changed the law relating to the amendment of cost-sharing formulas by changing the petitioning requirements necessary for a meeting of municipal representatives to be held and the number of representatives to which a member municipality is entitled.

The bill also allowed a school board to initiate a district referendum to initiate a change in the method of sharing costs among member municipalities and repealed and reenacted the provision allowing a school board to initiate a district referendum to approve a change in the method of sharing costs to solve a numbering problem.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-445) changed the law relating to methods of sharing education costs between municipalities in a school administrative district. Under current law the board of directors of a school administrative district may hold a meeting of municipal representatives to reconsider the method of cost sharing between municipalities only if requested by written petition of at least 10% of the number of voters voting in the last gubernatorial election in the municipalities within the district. This amendment permitted the board of directors of a school administrative district to hold a meeting of municipal representatives to reconsider cost sharing if a majority of the full board of directors approves such a meeting.

It also clarified that a successful written petition for reconsideration requires signatures from 10% of the voters in the district voting in the last gubernatorial election and replaced the original bill title with a new one.

LD 1781 Resolve, to Help Schools Incorporate Economic and Global Education

RESOLVE 34

SPONSOR(S)
SIMONDS
BRANNIGAN
KILKELLY
AULT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-515

SUMMARY

This resolve established the Maine Committee for Global Education composed of educators and business leaders. The committee was established to promote exemplary educational programs appropriate to the global economy, report to the Legislature and the Governor annually and submit a final report in 1994. The committee terminates in 1995.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-515) changed the membership of the Committee and provided for a cochair to be elected by committee members. It added encouraging development of new international exchange programs as a committee duty and permitted the committee to submit legislation annually, if needed.

The amendment deleted the requirement that the Department of Education and the Department of Economic and Community Development provide staff support to the committee and permitted organizations whose members serve on the committee to provide staff assistance instead. It also clarified that the Legislative Council may administer outside funds to finance the activities of the committee, including paying expenses of committee members and prohibited expenditures from the General Fund.

The amendment also added fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1785 An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Out-of-District Special Education Placements

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
ESTES
CROWLEY
NORTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided funds to the Department of Education to fully fund special education costs of out-of-district placements above 3 times the secondary foundation per pupil operating costs. It has been carried over to the Second Session of the 115th Legislature.