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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
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

The amendment allows the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to grant a one-year deferment to a recipient of a Blaine House Scholars loan for teachers or postbaccalaureate teacher certification who intends to teach in a public or private school approved for tuition purposes but has been unable to find such employment. No more than 5 one-year deferments may be authorized for a recipient.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2000

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Certification of Educational Personnel

PUBLIC 682

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BRAWN

OTP-AM

S-558

HANLEY

SUMMARY

The original bill contains provisions to facilitate the issuance of Maine professional teaching certificates to qualified, experienced out-of-state teachers moving to Maine to teach.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-558) retains those provisions and amends other sections to accommodate issuance of professional teaching certificates to out-of-state teachers. The amendment also directs the Commissioner of Education to conduct a study of the appeals process for persons whose application for certification or endorsement is denied or whose certification or endorsement is revoked or voided. The commissioner is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 1, 1993.

The amendment directs the State Board of Education to review the status of out-of-field teaching restrictions and present a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 1993.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2028

An Act to Clarify Municipal Approval of Payments of Public School Funds and Awards of Hardship Fund Assistance

UNSIGNED

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LAWRENCE

OTP-AM

H-1116

SUMMARY

The original bill clarifies that once municipal officers have voted to appropriate money for public schools for educational purposes, those officers can not then deny payment upon proper presentation of a bill or invoice.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1116) establishes guidelines for creation of a hardship fund to assist communities facing hardship due to reductions in general purpose aid during the 1991-92 school year. The amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules for operation of the fund. The amendment also adds a new title and a fiscal note to the bill.