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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

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.

LD 2192 An Act Relating to Ordinary Death Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System

P & S 122
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
SIMONDS
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HEINO

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-788 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill makes immediately available the choice of the "automatic option 2" survivor's benefit when a qualifying member dies with less than 25 years of creditable service. Without this bill, that option will not be available until July 1, 1993. The original bill provided immediate eligible for survivors of members who were receiving a disability benefit on or after October 9, 1991 due to a terminal condition and who die as a result of that condition.

The Committee Amendment would have made the option available to all survivors. The Committee Amendment was deleted when the bill was removed from the Appropriations table, and a Senate Amendment added an emergency preamble and clause and a fiscal note to the original bill.

LD 2226 An Act to Maintain the Retirement Benefits for the Advocate at the Maine State Prison

OTP-AM

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WEBSTER
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OTT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-553

SUMMARY

Changes made in legislation relating to the administrative structure at the Maine State Prison in 1990 resulted in moving the position of prison advocate to the Office of Advocacy. Prior to that change the advocate was covered under the special retirement plan that applies to certain employees of the prison. Under the new administrative structure the advocate would be required to move to the regular retirement system. This bill permits the advocate to continue to be covered under the special plan. The Committee Amendment locates the language appropriately in the statutes.

This bill was ruled out of order in the House because it changes a Resolve to an Act. The provisions of the Committee Amendment were enacted in LD 2462.

LD 2227 An Act to Clarify Earnable Compensation for Retirement Purposes

LV/WD

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WENTWORTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides that payment to a teacher for extracurricular work is treated as "earnable compensation" whether the payment is made as part of the teacher's salary or in a lump sum at the end of the activity.

This bill was withdrawn before a public hearing.

LD 2462 An Act Concerning the Maine State Retirement System

PUBLIC 857

SPONSOR(S)

MCCORMICK
JALBERT

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-791 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill enacts two provisions originally contained in the majority Committee Amendment to LD 2008. It was enacted without reference to Committee.

Section 1 permits the Maine State Retirement System to collect from the employer any additional actuarial and administrative costs that result from an employer's improper application of retirement statutes and rules, provision of misinformation or omission of information.

Section 2 ensures that the position of advocate at the Maine State Prison continues to be under the special retirement plan that covers employees of the Maine State Prison.

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