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

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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 2132 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning High School Equivalency Certificates PUBLIC 662

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRAWN ESTES NORTON OLIVER	OTP-AM	S-539

SUMMARY

The original bill changes the name of "high school equivalency certificates" to "high school equivalency diplomas" to be consistent with federal laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-539) retains that change, restructures the statute to clarify the requirements for granting a diploma to persons who are 17 or 18 years of age, removes the Maine residency requirement for eligibility, permits assessment of a fee to out-of-state applicants and adds a fiscal note.

LD 2206 An Act to Protect Students Appointed to Special Select Committees ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTY LEMKE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have ensured that students appointed to boards established by the Legislature or by executive order are not penalized at high school or college for absences caused by attendance at board meetings.

LD 2222 An Act to Change the School Subsidy from a Valuation to a Per Pupil Formula ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SKOGLUND HEINO	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a schedule for transition to an education funding formula based on the number of pupils in a school unit rather than the current valuation and per pupil method. It included a mechanism to monitor progress and provided an option for correction.

LD 2236 An Act Concerning the Degree Granting Authority of Husson College P & S 82

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N LEBOWITZ MORRISON BALDACCI	OTP-AM	S-565

SUMMARY

Current law allows Husson College to grant specific bachelor of science degrees. The original bill allows Husson College to grant any bachelor of science degree.

The original bill also consolidates all the existing legislation conferring authority to Husson College to grant specific degrees: the authority to confer bachelor degrees derived from the original act, Private and Special Law 1953, chapter 11, as amended by Private and Special Law 1963, chapter 15 and Private and Special Law 1981, chapter 105 which authorized a degree of bachelor of science in nursing; the authority to confer associate degrees derived from Private and Special Law 1965, chapter 121 and Private and Special Law 1969, chapter 213; the authority to confer master degrees derived from Private and Special Law 1977, chapter 13; and the authority to confer honorary doctorate degrees derived from Private and Special Law 1969, chapter 90.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-565) corrects 2 improper references in the original bill that would have limited the authority of Husson College to grant bachelor of science degrees and associate science degrees.

LD 2281 An Act to Change the Term Secondary Vocational Education to Applied Technology and Adult Learning PUBLIC 716

SPONSOR(S) BRAUN BARTH	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-564
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SUMMARY

The original bill redefines vocational education as "applied technology education. It also brings state nomenclature into line with new trends at the federal and local levels by revising references in the Maine Revised Statutes to "vocational education" and related terms and by renaming certain units and positions of the Department of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-564) corrects a reference in the original bill and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 2286 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Maine Committee for Global Education P & S 84
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) SIMONDS ESTES AULT	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-996
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SUMMARY

The original bill expands the membership of the Maine Committee for Global Education to include an additional member of the Senate and an additional member of the House of Representatives.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-996) adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

**LD 2360 An Act Regarding Maine's Comprehensive Early Intervention System for Infants and Children Ages 0 to School-age 5 PUBLIC 843
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) ESTES CROWLEY CONSTANTINE RYDELL	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-1274 CROWLEY H-1295 HANDY S-679 S-716 ESTES
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SUMMARY

The original bill modifies Maine's early intervention system, a system for identifying children between