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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.

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

birth and 6 years of age who have disabilities and for providing services for those children in an efficient, coordinated and cost-effective manner. The bill also addresses the federal mandate under Public Law 99-457, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which requires that children 3 years of age and older and under 6 years of age with disabilities be afforded a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

The bill recreates the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handicapped Children and designates it as Maine's so-called Part H Council, with the duties set forth in 34 Code of Federal Regulations 303.650.

The bill establishes a new Early Intervention Governing Committee and empowers that committee to direct the participating state agencies in allocating funds for purposes related to early intervention.

The bill details and clarifies the responsibilities and organization of the local coordinating committees and specifies the scope of authority of the child development services site directors and of the Child Development Services System Central Office. The bill also establishes fiscal management policies.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-679) replaces the original bill. It changes the Child Development Services System by directing the boards of directors of the local coordinating committees under former chapter 307 to organize at the discretion of each board as a private nonprofit corporation or as an intermediate educational unit. It establishes a state level intermediate educational unit under the supervision of the Department of Education to perform certain state duties required by state and federal law. It also establishes the Interdepartmental Coordinating Council for Early Intervention as an advisory body to the Commissioner of Education and adds a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-1274) strikes a provision in the Committee Amendment that erroneously identifies employees of the state intermediate education unit as state employees.

The amendment adjusts the method of allocating funds to regional sites for fiscal year 1992-93 by directing the Department of Education and the boards of directors of the 16 regional sites to jointly develop, by April 30, 1992, a method of allocating funds among the 16 sites. The method of allocation must include a base allocation for the operation of each regional site.

The amendment also strikes a provision that limits the number of regional sites that may seek reimbursement for targeted case management to 8 sites.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-716) provides a proper reference to regional intermediate educational units for the purpose of defining public employer under the labor laws.

House Amendment "B" (H-1295) adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause so that the Department of Education and regional sites of the Child Development Services System may immediately develop a method to fund the regional sites for fiscal year 1992-93.

LD 2375 An Act Relating to the Arthur R. Gould School

PUBLIC 764

SPONSOR(S)

ANTHONY
GILL
ESTES
OLIVER

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1067

SUMMARY

The original bill clarifies that the Arthur R. Gould School, located at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland, is subject to the same education requirements as Maine public schools and private schools