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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE 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 Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed 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.

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

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LD 582 **An Act Regarding Responsibilities of School Union Committees** PUBLIC 131

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AULT	OTP-AM	H-198

SUMMARY

This bill permits the school boards within a school union to delegate additional responsibilities to the union committee if a majority of the members of each school board approve the delegation.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a provision requiring that a union committee consider appropriate time limits on contracts with vendors for school supplies.

LD 584 **Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Administration for Public Primary and Secondary Education** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have established the Public School Administration Task Force to evaluate and recommend alternatives to current public school administrative structures. The task force would have developed recommendations that eliminate duplicative administrative functions; consolidate delivery of school services through increased regionalization; require joint purchase of school supplies and services; guarantee continued local participation in school decision making; and provide expanded opportunities for Maine children through savings from reduced administrative costs.

LD 586 **An Act to Allow Elementary and Secondary Schools to Obtain Insurance Coverage through the Bureau of General Services** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have added to the insurance responsibilities of the Bureau of General Services the provision of insurance advice and services for group homes for children, group homes for persons with mental retardation, specialized children's homes, school administrative units and private schools approved for tuition purposes. LD 883, which was referred to the Banking and Insurance Committee, is a related bill.

LD 592 **An Act to Clarify the Appointment, Powers and Duties of Building Committees** PUBLIC 197

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY AMERO	OTP-AM	S-119

SUMMARY

The bill clarifies the procedures for the appointment of special building committees by legislative bodies of school administrative units and confirms the powers and duties of special building committees once established.

Committee Amendment "A" further clarifies the powers and duties of a public school building committee by requiring that the committee's powers and duties be determined at the time the committee is established. It also clarifies that powers and duties not assigned to the building committee or another entity remain with the school board.

LD 593 An Act Related to Parenting Education ONTP

SPONSOR(S) HANDY	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have required school administrative units to offer an elective parenting education course beginning in the fall of 1994. Under the bill, the Department of Education would have been required to develop a model curriculum for the course that could be adapted by school administrative units to meet local needs. The course would have been taught by a qualified teacher already employed in local schools.

LD 628 An Act Concerning School Construction PUBLIC 324

SPONSOR(S) TITCOMB	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-206
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SUMMARY

The original bill provided incentives to school districts undergoing a construction project to be cost effective by allowing the Department of Education to establish an approved list of expenses that the district could use anywhere within the district where the need was greatest. The provision was aimed at discouraging the purchase of additional approved equipment merely to use up the balance of construction funding.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that the Director of the Bureau of General Services may refuse to release plans and specifications to a contractor for the purpose of bidding on a public works project if, in the opinion of the director, the contractor has not completed prior construction projects in a timely manner or if the contractor has a history of inability to complete similar projects.

The amendment directs the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules for approval of lease costs for school buildings and for determining what portion of the costs may be eligible for state subsidy. The amendment also directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules for approving movable equipment costs for school construction projects.

**LD 639 An Act to Make Corrections to the Salary Reductions
Authorized in Public Law 1991, Chapter 780, Part III PUBLIC 243
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) O'DEA	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-162
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SUMMARY

This bill corrects an inconsistency in the 3% and 2% salary reductions for certain employees of the University of Maine System. This bill provides similar treatment for these employees in fiscal year 1992-93 as had been provided in fiscal year 1991-92.