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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	*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 Second Session*
ONTP	*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*
ENACTMENT FAILED	*Bill failed to get majority vote*
INDEF PP	*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*
VETO SUSTAINED	*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
UNSIGNED	*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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

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The committee amendment (H-369) provides that the local school administrative unit or the collective bargaining agent must pay for the employer retirement cost, except for the amount allotted to the unfunded liability. The Senate amendment to the committee amendment (S-362) adds a municipal mandate preamble.

LD 1022   An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System Laws Related to the Participating Local Districts Consolidated Plan

PUBLIC 250
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JALBERT	OTP-AM	H-327

SUMMARY

This bill amends the laws related to the participating local districts consolidated retirement plan to add a provision that all current participating local districts must elect to join, be transferred to the consolidated plan or withdraw from the system. Presently, the law does not authorize such a provision in the rules. The bill also extends the date of the section that repeals the Participating Local District Advisory Committee from June 30, 1993 to June 30, 1996, and makes a definitional change necessary to implement the purpose of the consolidated plan. The committee amendment (H-327) clarifies the date after which a local districts options are limited to those provided in the consolidated plan and adds a fiscal note.

LD 1031   An Act to Extend Burial Eligibility for Dependent Children

PUBLIC 150

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEINO	OTP-AM	H-213

SUMMARY

This bill extends burial eligibility in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery to unmarried dependent children of veterans.

The committee amendment (H-213) limits the scope of the original bill by requiring that the dependent child have been enrolled in secondary school at the time of death in order to be eligible for burial in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. The amendment also ensures that a minor child not enrolled in school is not inadvertently excluded and also adds a fiscal note.

LD 1058   An Act to Clarify Mandatory Coverage Requirements for Participating Local Districts within the Maine State Retirement System

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SAXL		
BALDACCI		

SUMMARY

This bill makes changes to the laws governing mandatory coverage requirements for participating local districts within the Maine State Retirement System. The bill provides that no class of regular full-time employees may be exempted by the local district from participation in the retirement plan unless those employees are subject to regular withholdings under provisions of the federal Social Security Act or are