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BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*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*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*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 unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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5581LHS

**An Act to Enhance and Improve the Special Education Complaint Management Process****SPONSOR(S)**  
AMERO**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-386 AMERO**SUMMARY**

As a result of amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs has required participating states through regulations, program plans and monitoring visits to revise laws and rules pertaining to the management of complaints alleging noncompliance with federal requirements. This bill allows the Department of Education to comply with the complaint management process requirement of the federal law.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-386) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1631 An Act Concerning Level I and Level II Educational Technicians****SPONSOR(S)**  
BEAM  
HANDY**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-811  
S-604 PEARSON**SUMMARY**

The original resolve required the Department of Education to reclassify the position of teacher's aide formerly held by Irene Mailhot as the position of education technician III.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-811) replaces the resolve with an Act that allows the Department of Education to reclassify the position of teacher aide or teacher assistant to educational technician II or educational technician III if the employee was not recommended to be upgraded prior to the September 1, 1991 deadline due to misinterpretation of a transcript from a foreign country. The amendment also adds a fiscal note and a new title.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-604) adds a mandate preamble and replaces the fiscal note in Committee Amendment "A".

**LD 1640 An Act to Authorize the Towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport to Form a Community School District****SPONSOR(S)**  
WHITCOMB**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-740  
H-752 WHITCOMB  
S-440 O'DEA**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the formation of a community school district for grades 9 to 12 for the Towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport. Currently, the Towns of Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville contract for high school education for their students with School Administrative District 28, which consists of the Towns of Camden and Rockport. The residents of each town have already passed resolutions supporting the creation of this community school district. This bill modifies community school district laws to meet the special needs and history in these towns. The community school district will not be created unless it is approved by the majority of the voters voting in each of the 5 towns in a referendum vote.