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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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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LD 1680

An Act to Encourage Efficiency in School Spending

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed schools to retain 75% of the savings attributable to efficiency savings to fund basic programs and services for students. Administrative positions would not have been eligible for funding with efficiency savings.

Under current law, unallocated balances in excess of 3% of a school unit's previous year school budget must be used to reduce the state and local shares of education subsidy. This bill would have exempted unallocated balances that are a result of efficiency savings from that requirement.

LD 1690

An Act Concerning Unusual Enrollment Increases in Schools

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

BOWERS

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have made possible an increase in a school unit's state subsidy when the unit experiences an unusual increase in the number of students whose tuition must be paid to schools outside the unit. Under the provision, a school that experiences a 10% or greater increase in the number of secondary students whose tuition is paid to public or approved private schools is eligible for increased state subsidy. The increased state subsidy is limited by the amount appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. The bill would have been retroactive to July 1, 1993 to permit assistance for the current school year.

LD 1698

An Act to Eliminate the Maine School Building Authority

PUBLIC 494

SPONSOR(S)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-406

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the law authorizing the Maine School Building Authority, which was established to assist local school administrative units in the construction of educational facilities. Since all of the bonds issued by the authority will be recalled as of March 1994, the responsibilities of the authority have been accomplished.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-406) repeals references in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 5 and 30-A to the Maine School Building Authority and moves language repealed by the bill to another section of Title 20-A to maintain the Commissioner of Education's authority to take land for school purposes in the unorganized territory.