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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

5581LHS

LD 1956 An Act to Revise the Laws of Maine to Incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education

PUBLIC 708
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
AULT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1092 AULT
H-909

SUMMARY

This bill makes statutory changes in the laws necessary to incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education and meet the requirements of Resolve 1993, chapter 43.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-909) corrects a number of technical mistakes made in repealing, amending and reenacting language in the Maine Revised Statutes necessary to incorporate the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Education.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1092) corrects a technical error and adds transition provisions to provide for the orderly transfer of functions from the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Department of Education, Office of Rehabilitation Services.

LD 1958 An Act to Establish the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

PUBLIC 706

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS J
KIEFFER
MACBRIDE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1054 MITCHELL E
H-1118 MITCHELL E
S-511

SUMMARY

Part A of the bill establishes the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. The school is intended to provide certain high-achieving high school students with an intensive curriculum emphasis in math and science. The school will be located in Limestone and will serve students from throughout the State. Students from other states and countries may attend on a space-available basis.

Part B of the bill establishes a task force to develop a plan for a school for the visual and performing arts to open in September of 1996 in the greater Portland area. The task force shall present its plan together with any recommended legislation to the Governor and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by December 15, 1994.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-511) makes the following changes to the bill:

1. Makes clear that the State will fund 100% of the costs of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics;
2. Makes clear that the State will make 4 equal payments to the school on a quarterly basis, beginning on August 31st of each year;
3. Makes clear that the Governor will consider geographical representation and gender equity in appointing members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and the Task Force of the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts;
4. Adds 2 teachers to the board of trustees of the school;
5. Adds a requirement that one of the 8 public members of the board of trustees of the school have expertise in instructional television;

6. Adds a requirement that the board of trustees of the school develop methods of assessing student academic achievement and teacher development and report to the Governor and the Legislature on those and other matters related to the school every 2 years;
7. Adds a requirement that the school provide access to pupils and teachers not residing full time at the school beginning in September 1995. A plan outlining courses, workshops, seminars and other instructional programs must be submitted to the Legislature by February 15, 1995;
8. Adjusts the membership of the Task Force on the Maine School of Visual and Performing Arts by replacing a representative from the University of Southern Maine with the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, or the chancellor's designee, and replacing an art education teacher and a music education teacher with 3 members of the Maine Art Education Association; and
9. Adds a fiscal note.

TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1054) changes the number of voting members on the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics from 18 to 17 and the number of nonvoting members from one to 2. The amendment clarifies that one of the members who is a teacher is a nonvoting member. The amendment also clarifies the board's duties pertaining to the geographical basis for selection of students who will attend the school. The amendment also makes a technical correction.

TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-1118) eliminates the appropriation for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics since funding is contained in Committee Amendment A to the Governor's supplemental budget. A revised fiscal note is included.

LD 2002 An Act to Revise the Authorization of the Towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport to Form a Community School District

P & S 87
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BOWERS		H-1045 MITCHELL E
PINGREE		H-1065 MITCHELL E
		S-595 VOSE

SUMMARY

This bill permits the Town of Appleton to vote again to join a community school district with the towns of Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport. If the vote is negative, it permits the towns of Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport to form the community school district for grades 9 to 12. It also permits the towns of Camden and Rockport plus 2 out of the 3 towns of Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville to form the district if one of the 3 does not approve the cost-sharing formula.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1045) specifies that the school boards of the towns of Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville that are municipal members of the district are responsible for preparing the budgets for the fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1065) permits, rather than requires, the Town of Appleton to vote again, on or before May 3, 1994, to join a community school district with the towns of Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport. The amendment also removes the mandate preamble from the bill and the fiscal note from House Amendment "A".

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-595) is a technical amendment offered on behalf of the Committee on Engrossed Bills to add a necessary emergency clause to this emergency bill.