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**STATE OF MAINE
117TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

CARRIED OVER

CON RES XXX

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

EMERGENCY

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

INDEF PP

ONTP

P&S XXX

PUBLIC XXX

RESOLVE XXX

UNSIGNED

VETO SUSTAINED

Bill carried over to Second Session

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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School Finance Act of 1985 to reflect the potential increase in enrollment. These amendments allow funding to "follow" the student and provide an incentive for each school to maintain or increase enrollment levels. The Commissioner of Education is responsible for the coordination and implementation of this bill.

LD 67 **An Act to Extend the Deadline for a Town Wishing to Withdraw from a School Administrative District** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINGREE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill extends from 90 days to 6 months the time needed to submit a withdrawal agreement of a single municipality from a school administrative district.

LD 87 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Alternative Voting Procedures for the Approval of a School Administrative District Budget** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	ONTP	
BUSTIN		
DORE		

SUMMARY

This bill amends the procedure used when an operating school budget or part of the budget fails at referendum by removing the option of holding subsequent district budget meetings and by requiring subsequent referenda. The concept contained in this bill will be reconsidered during the second session of the 117th Legislature in conjunction with LD 880 which was carried over.

LD 89 **An Act to Ensure That School Building Plans Become the Property of the State** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAREY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

Under this bill, building plans and specifications for school facilities funded by the State are state property available for use by all Maine school districts.

LD 91 **An Act to Require that All School Bus Purchases be Made Through the Bureau of General Services** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAREY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires all school units or administrative districts to go through the Bureau of General Services for school bus purchases.