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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	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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.