

# MAINE STATE 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:

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

5581LHS

**LD 119 An Act to Promote Fairness and Due Process within Collegiate Athletics in the State**

ONTP

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LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill regulates collegiate athletic associations by establishing procedures to be followed when the association commences an investigation of a student or employee of an institution of higher learning. The procedures created by this bill ensure that the investigatory process by the association is fair to the affected individuals by establishing a standard of evidence to be used, by allowing the subject of the investigation to have counsel present at hearings and to interrogate and cross-examine witnesses, and by requiring that hearings be subject to the Maine Rules of Evidence. This bill sets a statute of limitations and establishes penalties.

**LD 133 An Act to Lower the Cost of New School Construction by Including the Design Phase in the Bidding Process**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the exemption from bidding for architectural services, thus requiring competitive bidding for architectural services provided in designing schools.

**LD 176 An Act Relating to the Conferral of Degrees by the Research Institute for Mathematics**

P & S 12

**SPONSOR(S)**

STEVENS K

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-31

**SUMMARY**

This bill grants authority to the Research Institute for Semiological Mathematics to confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Semiological Mathematics.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31) changes the name of the Research Institute for Semiological Mathematics to the Research Institute for Mathematics. The new name conforms to the name recommended by the State Board of Education in recommending to the Legislature that the institute be granted initial authorization to award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

**LD 188 An Act to Prohibit Schools from Charging Activity Fees for Participation in Extracurricular Events**

ONTP

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

ONTP

MIN

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits school administrative units from charging activity fees to students for participation in athletic or other extracurricular teams or activities.