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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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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.

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LD 194 **An Act to Extend the Probationary Period of New Teachers from 2 Years to 3 Years** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill extends the probationary period of a new teacher from 2 years to 3 years.

LD 202 **Resolve, to Change the Nature of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center and Its Powers** RESOLVE 2
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT	OTP-AM MAJ	H-21
BUSTIN	ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolve continues the work of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Capital Cultural Center and renames the commission to the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Telecommunications Center. This resolve requires another report from the commission by November 1, 1995, and authorizes the commission to submit enacting legislation. Funds appropriated from the General Fund are contingent upon receipt by the commission of funds from the City of Augusta and the University of Maine System.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-21) removes the appropriation section that was inadvertently included in the bill.

LD 263 **An Act to Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Transport Truants Back to School** PUBLIC 124

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LEMONT	OTP-AM MAJ	H-114
	ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

Currently, law enforcement officers who see identified truants off school grounds during school hours may not take action except to notify the school or designated school personnel. This bill permits an officer to transport the truant student to the appropriate school.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-114) replaces the bill. This amendment replaces the requirement that school boards notify local law enforcement officers when a student is habitually truant with a provision that permits school boards to notify officers. The amendment adds a provision that permits an officer to offer to transport a truant to the appropriate school provided the truant and the truant's parent or guardian grant verbal permission.

LD 277 **An Act to Suspend Driver's Licenses of Students under the Age of 18 Who Drop Out of High School** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOYNER	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to give the Department of the Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles the right to revoke the license of a high school dropout.

LD 290 **An Act Concerning the Degree-granting Authority of Beal Business School** P & S 6

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
O'DEA OTP

SUMMARY

This bill expands the degree-granting authority of Beal Business School and changes the name to Beal College.

LD 294 **An Act to Increase the Number of Primary Care Practitioners in the State** INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
PINGREE OTP
PARADIS

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds for the operation of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System as designated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12851. The system will implement the mission as established in Public Law 1991, chapter 372.

LD 300 **An Act to Clarify the Approval Procedures for Semiprofessional Personnel in Schools** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LEMAIRE ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill limits the State Board of Education's approval of semiprofessional personnel to Education Technicians I, II and III.

LD 350 **An Act to Encourage Collaboration between Local School Units** PUBLIC 79

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
REED G OTP-AM H-110
SMALL

SUMMARY

This bill encourages local school units to enter into collaborative ventures to pursue the sharing of resources by making such collaborative ventures eligible for the innovative grants program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110) adds 3 provisions to the bill:

1. It requires that each school administrative unit participating in a collaborative venture and receiving an innovative grant agree in writing to the terms of the grant;