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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.

5581LHS

SUMMARY

This bill sets limitations of the authority of the state board of education to authorize new construction and directs the state board of education to require school administrative units to prepare cost comparisons between new construction and the renovation of existing property when applying for approval of a school construction project.

LD 827

An Act to Provide for Record Checks of Elementary and Secondary Education Employees and Applicants

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
O'NEAL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education and state school superintendents to conduct record checks of criminal and investigative information on applicants for employment, certification or recertification in positions that are directly or indirectly in contact with children.

LD 830

An Act to Establish Charter Schools

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
BARTH

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the establishment of charter schools within the State and sets forth eligibility, application and funding requirements for charter schools.

LD 874

Resolve, to Establish Tuition Policy for the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township

RESOLVE 33

SPONSOR(S)
BAILEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-476
H-506 MARTIN

SUMMARY

This bill requires that student tuition paid to a school in an unorganized territory be equivalent to the average state educational program cost per student.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-476) replaces the bill. The amendment limits the tuition charge in 1994-95 for students from the Town of Dennysville attending school in Edmunds Township to the 1993-94 tuition level. The amendment directs the Town of Dennysville and Edmunds Township to form a study committee to review the provision of education services to elementary pupils attending the Edmunds School and requires the study committee to report to the Legislature by December 15, 1995. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-506) establishes a per student tuition charge for students from the Town of Dennysville attending the Edmunds School for the 1995-96 school year and limits any increase in the tuition charge to no more than 5% over the tuition charge for the 1994-95 school year.